

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.

Sinking Spring has appointed a Shade Tree Commission.

Assistant Secretary of Labor Post has adjusted the blacksmiths' strike at Erie.

Nine-year-old Robert, son of H. C. Hostler, of Benton, landed a 29-inch trout that weighed three pounds.

Miss Tessie L. Westfield, of York, sailed for Bremen. It is her intention to remain abroad a year and a half.

Norristown School Board has deferred the election of teachers of several of the high school faculty.

Miss Marian J. Wesley, of Reading, has been chosen as a teacher at Girard College. She recently graduated from the West Chester Normal School.

Berks County Commissioners have of the National Bank of Nanfocke, crete bridge over Mill Creek, to George Dole, of Wilmington, for \$3,043.

A snapper weighing thirty-five pounds was caught by Henry Renninger in the Schuylkill River, at Pottstown.

A black bass 21 inches long and weighing four and one-half pounds was caught by Lewis T. Wells, of Pughtown, Chester county.

Found asleep on the railroad at Pottstown, Michael Bowosky, of Phoenixville, was sent to the station house for forty-eight hours.

In an electrical storm at Mount Carmel, Victor Vickofsky was struck by lightning in his bedroom and instantly killed.

Attorney James A. Stranahan, of Harrisburg, has gone to Kobaycong, Canada, to fish for bass and muscalonge for a week.

Dr. J. H. Miller, of St. John's Church, New Castle, made a little excursion into the woods and in a short time counted thirty-two kinds of birds.

City Superintendent E. S. Ling, of Lock Haven, has come with his family, to Glenside, Montgomery county. Mr. Ling will immediately take up his duties as superintendent of the schools of Abington township.

While a number of men were overhauling an automobile at Shamokin one of them dropped a lighted pipe into a tank of gasoline on the rear, causing an explosion. Frank Cottrell received the full force of it on the face and was seriously burned.

Directors of the People's National Bank, at Edwardsville, have elected Ludwig L. Reese, of Kingston, cashier to take the place of R. R. Zarr, who will leave July 1 to become cashier awarded a contract to erect a new corner Mrs. Reese was assistant cashier of the Miners' Savings Bank, with which institution he had been associated for twenty-three years.

Scranton is greatly in need of swimming pools and public bath houses, declares The Times of that city. There are no nearby streams or pools of consequence, and the city has a population with an unusually large number of boys, who are largely engaged in an industry that requires much bathing. It would be a very popular memorial if some philanthropist should give and endow a swimming pool or baths in one or more sections of the city, is the opinion of that paper.

Theodore Fowler and Almond Bloomquist, Kane boys, left on their bicycles for a fishing trip on Kinzua Creek. They intended to spend the night on a farm nine miles from Kane, but they were started to see a large black bear come out of the brush into the road a short distance ahead of them. The bear immediately discovered the boys, but, instead of proceeding on his way, he stopped to look them over. The boys held a hurried consultation and decided to postpone the fishing trip, so they turned their wheels and hurried back to Kane, leaving bruin standing in the road.

The Rev. T. Boyce Brendle, of Schaefferstown, has been unanimously elected as pastor of Keeler's, Sunnyside and Old Goshenhoppen Reformed churches.

A few days ago Judge B. W. Green and party of friends, of Emporium, enjoyed the novel experience of a race with a large bear, on the Portage, near Four Mile. The chase lasted for a mile or more, his bearship keeping just ahead of the auto. At the proper time the bear made for the creek evading the auto.

WILSON FILLS IMPORTANT POSTS

President Names Industrial Commission and Diplomats.

MRS. HARRIMAN ON BOARD.

Two Ministers, a Consul and Secretary of Embassy on List—Justice Gerard to Ger-many.

Washington.—The most important nominations since the Cabinet appointments were sent to the Senate by President Wilson. The batch includes the Commissioners on Industrial Relations, several important diplomatic appointments and the two Civil Commissioners for the District of Columbia. In addition several shifts in the diplomatic state were announced.

The Industrial Commission is composed of nine members. Three have been selected from the labor ranks and three from the employers and the remaining three are persons who have studied the economic problems of the country. The purpose of the board is to investigate conditions and disputes arising between capital and labor. Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, of New York, selected by President Wilson as a member of this board, is the first woman in the history of the country to be tendered a place of such responsibility.

Frank P. Walsh, of Kansas City, Mo., also selected for the commission, is slated for chairman of the board. Other members are: John R. Commons, of Wisconsin; Frederick A. Delano, of Illinois; Harris Weinstock, of California; S. Thurston Ballard, of Kentucky; John B. Lennon, of Illinois; James B. O'Connell, of Washington, and Austin B. Garretson, of Iowa.

The latter two were among those named by President Wilson shortly before the close of his administration. Mr. Commons and Mrs. Harriman were named to represent the general public. Messrs. Delano, Weinstock and Ballard represent the employers, while Messrs. Lennon, O'Connell and Garretson are representatives of labor.

Other Appointments Made.

Other appointments announced are: Minister to Norway — Albert G. Schmedemann, of Wisconsin.

Minister to Peru—Benton McMillin, of Tennessee.

Consul at Milan, Italy—Nathaniel B. Stewart, of Georgia.

Secretary of Embassy, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil—J. Butler Wright, of Wyoming.

Secretary of Legation, Brussels—Fred Harris Dearing, of Missouri.

Member of the Isthmian Canal Commission—Richard Lee Metcalfe, Lincoln, Neb.

United States Attorney for New Mexico—Summers Burkhardt, of New Mexico.

Commissioners of the District of Columbia—Oliver P. Newman, formerly of Des Moines, Iowa; F. L. Siddons, of the District of Columbia.

Commissioner of Immigration at San Juan, Porto Rico—Lawson E. Evans, of Mississippi.

Register of the Land Office at Harrison, Ark.—Brice B. Hudgins.

Postmaster at Atlantic City—Harvey Thomas.

Postmaster in West Virginia—Warren D. Cline, Williamson.

SUFFRAGE BILL SIGNED.

May Now Vote For All Statutory Officers in Illinois.

Springfield, Ill.—Governor Dunne signed the woman suffrage bill passed by the General Assembly. Moving pictures of the signing were taken. The bill provides that Illinois women of legal age may vote for all statutory offices. Mrs. Edward F. Dunne, wife of the Governor, was present and sat in the picture as first lady of the State. Mrs. George Wilbur Trout, Mrs. Sherman M. Booth and Antoinette Funk, the suffrage crusaders who labored here for a week to get the bill passed, appeared at the Governor's office.

By his signature Governor Dunne made Illinois the first State east of the Mississippi to give women the right of the ballot.

Attorney General P. J. Lucey does not find the suffrage bill unconstitutional. He takes the ground that the danger for the bill will arise when its champions seek to put it in operation.

AVIATOR DROWNS IN OCEAN.

Fairbairns Was Testing Machine For Trans-Atlantic Flight.

New London.—An aviator, Fairbairns, was drowned off Shoeburyness. He had flown down from Brooklands and was experimenting with a new type of machine with which he projected a trans-Atlantic flight in July. Fairbairns fell into the sea from a height of 1,000 feet and sank before a friend, who was cruising in the vicinity, was able to rescue him.

ANTICIPATION



DEATH AND FIRE IN GRAIN MILL

Eight Killed in Explosion in Buffalo.

FIFTY MEN ARE INJURED.

Big Plant of the Husted Milling Company Destroyed—Every Hospital in the City Filled.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Eight men and probably more were killed and 50 persons injured, many of them fatally, in a series of explosions, followed by a fire, which destroyed the Husted Milling Company's big plant at Elk and Pea body streets.

The factory employs more than 200 men and the explosions caused the walls to collapse.

A Nickel Plate passenger train was passing the plant when the first explosion occurred. Although the track is 150 feet from the mill, the engine and fireman were blown from the cab. Both were seriously injured, the engineer, John Conroy, dying.

An unidentified boy was killed while crossing a railroad bridge close to the mill. A young man was run down and killed by an auto carrying a physician which was hurrying to the scene of the explosion.

Blown Through Roof. One of the men working near the pit where the explosion occurred was blown through the roof of the building and over the railroad trestle 500 feet away. He was believed to be Michael King. When picked up by an ambulance surgeon the man was terribly crushed and died on the way to the hospital.

Intense excitement reigned for blocks around the factory following the explosion, and it has been impossible to obtain an accurate account of the number of dead or injured. It was necessary to call out the police reserves to keep back the crowd of women and children who rushed to the mill in search of husbands and fathers employed there.

The explosion was caused by spontaneous combustion in a pit where many tons of corn were stored.

Had No Warning.

One of the 200 men employed in the factory where the explosion took place said that the workmen had no warning, but that the first sign of any disturbance was when a great tongue of flame burst from the corn pit, followed an instant later by a tremendous explosion. "This was succeeded by several others, just how many the man was not certain, as he ran from the building just in time to see the rear walls collapse, burying a large number of workmen.

Eyes Blown Out.

Many of the victims had their eyes blown out or hands and feet burned off.

Of the 50 injured the physicians estimated 30 will die.

Only the presence of mind of a policeman saved scores of passengers of a Lehigh Valley train. He was nearby when the first explosion occurred and saw the train approaching. He ran down the tracks and flagged the train. It stopped just as another explosion tore the roofs from the factory buildings. The windows in the trains were smashed and many passengers cut, but had the train proceeded another 50 yards many would have met death.

CURTIS GUILD ROBBED.

Thief Gets \$1,000 in Cash and \$50,000 Letter of Credit.

Paris.—Curtis Guild, who recently resigned his post as United States ambassador at St. Petersburg, was robbed of \$1,000 in cash and a letter of credit for \$50,000. He is staying at a hotel in Paris. Xavier Guichard, head of the Criminal Investigation Department, and a large force of detectives were at once sent out to search for the thief.

YOUTH TRIES TO SHOOT UP COURT

Convicted Boy Robber Creates a Panic in Washington.

FIRES THREE WILD SHOTS

Ray M. Stewart, 18 Years Old, Whips Revolver From Pocket When Refused Parole and Begins Firing.

Washington.—Quick and courageous action on the part of Edward Blaine, an employe of the Agricultural Department, undoubtedly prevented a repetition of the Hillsville (Va.) court shooting here when Ray M. Stewart, 18 years old, awaiting sentence on a house-breaking charge in Criminal Court No. 1, deliberately leveled a revolver and opened a fusillade, sweeping the entire courtroom.

Three shots were fired before the boy was overpowered. By that time the courtroom, which only a few minutes before had been filled to its capacity, was almost deserted.

A difference of opinion seems to prevail concerning just who were the targets. Some persons contend that the boy sought vengeance and was determined to take it out on everyone within hitting distance. The general opinion, however, is that the prisoner was shooting at Policeman Arthur D. Moffett, who sat in the witness box and whose testimony had been a determining factor in the boy's conviction.

At the first shot Justice S. Stafford, who occupied the bench, disappeared beneath his desk, and out in the courtroom there was a wild scramble for places of safety. Some sought refuge under tables or behind heavy chairs, and others, frenzied by fear, leaped into windows and dropped to the ground some 15 or 20 feet below.

Justice Stafford has just refused to release Stewart on probation after conviction. The boy whipped out a .32-calibre automatic pistol and fired three shots, two of which narrowly missed Assistant United States Attorneys Samuel McComas Hawken and Harvey Given and Policeman Moffett. The prisoner was in the attitude of turning toward the judge as if to shoot, when a witness sprang upon him and choked him into insensibility. Maurice A. Joyce, a court attendant, rushed to Blaine's assistance and wrenched the pistol from the boy. In the confusion that followed many thought that Justice Stafford had been struck by a bullet, but the Judge emerged from his haven without a scratch.

ONE OR OTHER MUST GO.

McNab Says There is No Doubt That It Will Be He.

San Francisco.—"The President must accept either my resignation or ask for that of Mr. McReynolds, and there is no doubt in my mind that it will be mine," said United States Attorney John L. McNab. He said any efforts that may have been made by his friends to have President Wilson decline his resignation have been without his knowledge and against his desires.

"I could not remain in the department longer with Mr. McReynolds at the head of it after what has transpired," he added, "so plainly there is nothing to do but accept my resignation."

PIGEON FLIES 4,200 MILES.

Makes Trip from Brazil to Jeannette, Pa.

Jeannette, Pa.—The record flight of a homing pigeon from Rio Janeiro, Brazil, is reported by Stephen Krupa, a local fancier. Last April he shipped Sunny Jim and two other racing pigeons to a Rio Janeiro fancier, who liberated them in the public square of Rio Janeiro on May 8. Sunny Jim put in an appearance here Wednesday after 48 days' flight.

SPECIAL AGENT IS SUSPENDED

Official Who Appealed for McReynolds Removed.

ATTORNEY McNAB'S EXIT.

Judge Van Fleet Declares That the Government is Losing a Valuable Official in McNabb.

San Francisco.—"Thus terminates the most useful as well as the happiest year of my public life," said John L. McNab before United States District Judge Van Fleet, announcing that his resignation as United States district attorney for the Northern District of California had been accepted by President Wilson. "I retire content in the knowledge that I have done my best."

McNab paid tribute to the court in his farewell for its just treatment of all litigants, "without regard to wealth or station or their position with the government."

In reply Judge Van Fleet said: "Mr. McNab, I would be stating less than the truth if I did not say that it was with the most sincere regret that I learned of your resignation. Without referring to the circumstances of your departure, I must say the government is losing a painstaking and efficient officer."

Suspended Without Pay.

Clayton Herrington, special agent of the Department of Justice, at San Francisco, who sent President Wilson a telegram appealing for the removal from office of Attorney General McReynolds, his official superior, because of the circumstances of the resignation of United States District Attorney McNab, was suspended without pay by A. Bruce Bielaski, chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice.

This action, it is said, is to give Herrington an opportunity to explain his telegram. If the explanation is not satisfactory, officials declare that the special agent probably will be summarily dealt with. Herrington is a former judge and is in charge of the federal government's Bureau of Investigation at San Francisco. He helped District Attorney McNab to prepare the Diggs-Caminetti white slave cases, the postponement of the trial of which resulted in McNab's resignation and his sensational charges against the Attorney General.

BREAKS ANOTHER TRADITION.

Wilson Walks Bareheaded With Visitor to White House Gate.

Washington.—President Wilson smashed another White House tradition. Bareheaded, Mr. Wilson walked to the White House drive almost to the gate to say good-by to A. Popham Lobb, colonial secretary for Bermuda, one of his callers. Earlier, Mr. Lobb, who first met the President in Bermuda, had been a guest of the Wilson family at the Capitol and at luncheon. When Mr. Lobb departed his automobile had not arrived and the President walked out through the grounds chatting with his guest until they met the motor car coming from Pennsylvania avenue.

MINERS CALL STRIKE.

Those in New River District of West Virginia Serve Notice.

Charleston, W. Va.—Notices calling a general strike of the miners in the New River field on July 1 were mailed from local headquarters of the United Mineworkers of America. The notices were authorized by the board members of District 29 and were sent to the officials of the miners' locals and to active union men for distribution throughout the field. Attempts are being made by the New River operators to have the notices recalled in the hope of reaching some agreement before the date set for the strike.

TO PUT NEW RATES IN FORCE.

Railroads in Missouri Not to Wait For Court's Mandate.

Kansas City, Mo.—Railroads in Missouri affected by the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court, upholding the Missouri two-cent passenger and maximum freight rate laws, will, without waiting for the mandate of the Supreme Court, put the new rates in force "at the earliest practical date," according to an announcement by attorneys representing the railroads, after a meeting here today.

FLIGHT OVER THE BALTIC.

Marcel des Moulinais Makes the Trip in Four Hours.

Stockholm, Sweden.—The French aviator Marcel G. Brindejone des Moulinais, who recently made the flight from Paris to St. Petersburg, arrived in the Swedish capital. He crossed the Baltic in his aeroplane from Reval in four hours, including the time spent in making a descent on the Swedish coast in order to ascertain his whereabouts.

COMMERCIAL

Weekly Review of Trade and Market Reports.

Dunn's Review says:

"Increased activity in retail distribution of seasonal merchandise due to the favorable weather is reflected in a slightly improved demand in wholesale markets. The winter wheat harvest is now under way in most sections of the belt and is equaling expectations of a heavy production."

"Further Supreme Court decisions in railroad rate cases, confirming those of a week ago, produced little or no effect on speculative markets. In iron and steel a slight increase in activity is reported, although demand continued quiet and price concessions to secure new orders are made by some producers. Dry goods jobbing houses are still operating conservatively."

"It is estimated that July interest and dividend disbursements will exceed \$263,000,000, as compared with \$252,000,000 a year ago.

"Failures numbered 264 in the United States, against 253 last year and 20 in Canada."

Wholesale Markets

NEW YORK.—Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red, nominal; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 102c f o b aeat.

Corn—Spot easy; export, 70c nominal f o b afloat.

Butter barely steady; receipts, 10,457 tubs. Creamery firsts, 27@27½c; seconds, 26@26½c; packing stock, No. 1, 22; No. 2, 21@21½c; No. 3, 20@20½c.

Eggs irregular; receipts, 22,029 cases. Fresh gathered dirties, No. 2, and poorer, 12@12½c; fresh gathered checks, under grades, per case, \$2.44.

Dressed poultry firm; fresh killed Western chickens, 29@30; fowls, 16½@19½; turkeys, 18@19.

PHILADELPHIA.—Potatoes weak; choice old, per bushel, 35@40c.

Hay firm, timothy, No. 1 large bales, \$16.50@17; No. 1 medium bales, \$16.50; No. 2, \$14@15; No. 3, \$11@12.

Wheat declined half cent. No. 1 Northern Duluth, 102½@103½c.

Corn advanced half cent. No. 2 yellow, natural, local, 70½@71.

Oats firmer; No. 2 white, 48½c.

BALTIMORE.—Wheat, spot, No. 2 red, 194c nominal; July, 94 bid; August, 96½; September, 94½.

Corn—Spot, 85c nominal.

Oats—White, No. 2, 46½@47c; standard, 46@46½c; No. 3, 45½@45c.

Rye—No. 2, export, 63½@64c; No. 3, 50@60; No. 4, 58@59.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$17.50; standard timothy, \$17; No. 2 timothy, \$15.50@16; No. 3 timothy, \$12@13.50; light clover mixed, \$15@15.50; No. 1 do, \$14.50@15; No. 3 do, \$11@12; heavy, do, \$11.50@12.50; No. 1 clover, \$11; No. 2 do, \$8@9. No established grade, \$7@11.

Straw—Rye, No. 1, \$21.50@22; No. 2, \$20@21. Tangle rye—No. 1, \$11@12; No. 2, 10@11. Wheat—No. 1, \$9; No. 2, \$7.50@8. Oat—No. 1, \$9@10; No. 2, \$8@8.50.

Butter—Creamery fancy, 30; creamery, choice, 28@29; creamery, good, 26@27; creamery, prints, 30@31; creamery, blocks, 29@30; ladies, 25@27; Maryland and Pennsylvania rolls, 21@22.

Cheese—Jobbing lots, per lb, 16½@17½c.

Eggs—Maryland, Pennsylvania and nearby firsts, 19c; Western firsts, 19; West Virginia firsts, 17; Southern firsts, 18. Recrated and rehandled eggs ¼c to 1c higher.

Live Poultry—Chickens, old hens, 17c; do, small to medium, 17; old roosters and stags, 10@11; spring, 1½ lbs and over, 25; do, 1½ lbs and under, 23. Ducks—White Pekings, 14c; muscovy, 13; puddle, 13c; spring, 3 lbs and over, 16@18.

Live Stock

CHICAGO.—Hogs, bulk of sales, \$8.50@8.65; light, \$8.40@8.70; mixed, \$8.35@8.70; heavy, \$8.15@8.35; rough, \$8.15@8.35; pigs, \$6.65@8.30.

Cattle—Weak to 10c lower; heaves, \$7.20@9.05; Texas steers, \$6.90@8; stockers and feeders, \$5.90@8.05; cows and heifers, \$6.80@8.40; calves, \$6.75@9.50.

Sheep—Weak; generally 10@15c lower; native muttons, \$4.60@5.50; yearlings, \$5.40@6.40; lambs, native, \$5.10@6.75; spring, \$5.25@7.50.

PITTSBURGH.—Cattle steady; supply light. Choice, \$8.50@8.70; prime, \$8.20@8.40.

Sheep lower; supply fair; prime wethers, \$5.10@5.25; culls and commons, \$2@3; lambs, \$5@8; veal calves, \$10.50@11.

Hogs active; receipts, 15 double decks. Prime heavies, \$8.65@8.70; mediums, \$8.80@8.85; heavy Yorkers, \$8.85@8.90; light Yorkers, \$8.85@8.90; pigs, \$8.85@8.90; roughs, \$7.50@7.70.

KANSAS CITY.—Hogs. Bulk, \$8.50@8.57½; heavy, \$8.50@8.55; packers and butchers, \$8.50@8.60; lights, \$8.55@8.60; pigs, \$7@8.