

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.

Overtaken by a train in Hauto tunnel, William Garner, aged 58, of Ashland, was killed.

Rebucked by a parent for remaining out later than usual, 18-year-old Nellie Metzinger is a runaway at Locust Dale.

Tallness may cause the death of Henry Welsh, Hokendaqua, who fractured his skull bumping into a low doorway.

Solomon Teed, of Oregon Hill, Lycoming county, now 83 years old, has shot more than 50 deer during his hunting career.

Run down in the Tunnel Cut by a passenger train, Frank Bartled, of Auburn, died in the Homeopathic Hospital, Reading.

Cancer developed from the blow of a chip of steel 10 years ago caused the death of James Dougherty, aged 60, at Catsaqua.

James H. Hess, John E. Clouser and Allen H. Miller, fined \$20 each for forestalling the Reading markets, have appealed the case.

Stumbling into a roller machine at a Bethlehem planing mill, Robert Weisel, of Hellertown, sustained a badly crushed left arm.

Despite the popularity of the auto, the horse is on the increase in Blair county, 6332 registered, representing an increase of 407 in 10 years.

In the collapse of a bridge at Stonington, Emanuel G. Seller, a Shamokin business man, sustained fractures of four ribs and his collarbone.

Charged by Omoprio Sacette with embezzlement, Luigi Decorato, manager of the Italian cannery at Glen Onoko, is in jail at Mauch Chunk.

The Womelsdorf Consolidated Water Company has drilled an artesian well 370 feet deep, at which depth 200 pounds of dynamite was exploded.

Diving upon a rock in the Codorus Creek, York, Luther Schriver was rescued, but cerebral hemorrhages have been followed by complete paralysis.

A workmen league to take part in the coming political campaign is being formed at Altoona, mainly by Penny shopmen.

Charles Kettner, 86 years old, the Lancaster man who became lost at Mt. Gretna, has arrived home safe and sound.

The body of 15-year-old Lena Cago, daughter of a well to do Waynesburg merchant, missing after a family quarrel, was found by boys on the bank of Ten-Mile Creek.

The first ton clock in Milton was placed in the steeple of the Presbyterian Church July 8, 1857, and the only one in the town at present is on the same church.

Pitching from a third story scaffold at a York picture theatre, David Enswiler alighted on his back, sustaining internal injuries and breaking his right arm in two places.

Thieves stole \$250 from the home of Milton Terry, East Mauch Chunk. A falling 300 pound car coupler also crushed off the left hand of Harry Grube, Bethlehem.

Two gypsies, charged with the disappearance of \$50 from the harness shop of A. J. Smith, at Mauch Chunk, while telling his fortune, were found not to have the money when searched.

The fame of Milton's paving and its concrete curb have reached the ears of the Montour county seat solons, nine Councilmen of Danville visited that town with a view to getting pointers.

By decree of the Franklin County Court, Mont Alto, the location of the white pine camp for consumptives, became a borough August 23. The borough officers will be chosen at a special election.

Suit for \$15,000 damages for the death of her husband has been started against the Jersey Central Railroad by Mrs. Alice Wetzel, East Mauch Chunk.

Mrs. Edward Miller, of Muncy, narrowly escaped being bitten by a rattlesnake. She was picking berries from some low bushes when her hand came against the reptile. She was badly frightened and jerked away before the snake could strike. When she recovered herself sufficiently to get a stick the snake had disappeared.

THE PARCEL POST WILL BE EXTENDED

Burleson Says Changes Will Go Into Effect August 15.

SENATE COMMITTEE AGREED.

Inter-State Commerce Commission Chairman Explains What That Body Had Given Its Sanction.

Washington.—Despite Senatorial criticism of the proposed heavy reduction in parcel post rates and the increase in the size of packages to 20 pounds for 150 miles and less, Postmaster-General Burleson announced that he would issue the final orders at once putting the changes in effect August 15.

The announcement came after the wisdom of making the changes had been subjected to a searching review before the Senate Postoffice Committee in the presence of the Postmaster-General.

Chairman Clark, of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, explaining why the commission had sanctioned the proposed changes, said he believed the Postmaster-General had ample power under the law to make them.

"I am convinced that the Postoffice Department ought to, can and will extend the parcel post until it will carry all packages up to 100 pounds," he added.

The sentiment of a large majority of the members of the Postoffice Committee, after Mr. Burleson and Chairman Clark had addressed them, was that Mr. Burleson was within his authority when he ordered the changes.

The hearing developed opposition from only two persons—Senator Bryan, of Florida, and Senator Briscoe, of Kansas. Other members of the committee, particularly Senators Swanson, of Virginia, Lea, of Tennessee, and Bankhead, of Alabama, strongly backed up Mr. Burleson. Several Senators, however, thought Mr. Burleson had overstepped his authority in discontinuing the distinctive parcel post stamp and making the ordinary stamp good for parcel post packages. The committee will meet again to further discuss this order.

The statement that ultimately the parcel post weight limit would be 100 pounds and the Postoffice Department will be handling all the retail package business in this country supports statements made by Representative David J. Lewis, of Maryland, the "father" of the system.

In justifying his order Postmaster-General Burleson said before the Senate Committee:

"I feel that Congress wanted the Postmaster-General to go ahead and improve the service and not to be content with standing still. We are going to make money on the new business and we will be able to make further reductions in rates too.

"Every important step we take is in the nature of an experiment. For instance, they estimated before the law went into effect that 300,000,000 packages would be handled in a year and now we know they will handle 600,000,000."

Mr. Burleson added that since the introduction of the parcel post the receipts of the Chicago Postoffice had increased 21.63 per cent., the biggest increase in the history of the office. He said the Government will make 10 cents profit on 20-pound packages. Senator Bryan declared there would be a loss of 8 cents.

FALLS 110 FEET.

Steeplejack Waves Hospital Attendants Aside and Walks Home.

St. Louis.—After falling 110 feet from the top of a smokestack to a steel roof, and after stopping with his head a bucket of tar which had followed him in the plunge, Edward Horner, a steeplejack at the Granite City (Ill.) steel works, waved aside hospital attendants who had come to remove his remains, and then walked half a mile to his home.

There a physician said, although Horner's head and shoulders were badly bruised and that he was probably internally injured, he might recover.

DISESTABLISHMENT HALTED.

Lords Treat Welsh Bill As They Did Home-Rule Measure.

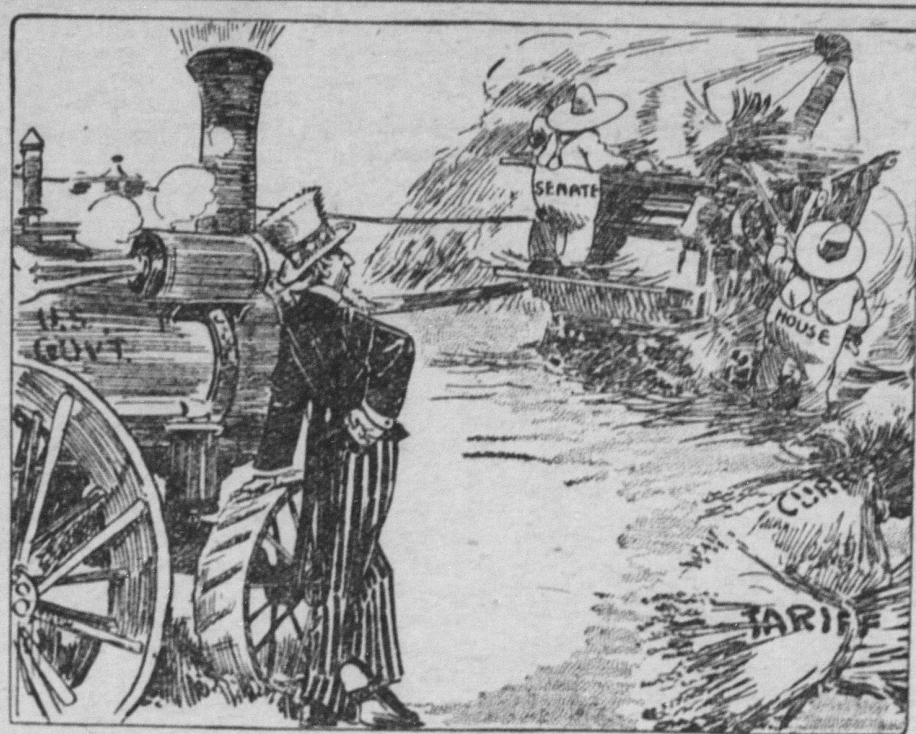
London.—The House of Lords treated the Welsh disestablishment bill exactly as it did the Home Rule bill. By a vote of 242 to 48 the Lords refused to give the bill a second reading and adopted a motion declining to proceed with its consideration "until it had been submitted to the judgment of the country."

FIRST TRIP TO BIG CITY FATAL.

Pottstown (Pa.) Man, Bewildered, Run Down By Team.

Philadelphia.—Paying his first visit to a big city, Lewis Knaster came here from Pottstown, Pa., and was killed by a big auto truck. Knaster, who was 50 years old, left the railroad train at one of the busiest corners in the city. Becoming confused in the middle of the street, he was run down by the truck while dodging a horse-drawn vehicle.

THRASHING IT OUT



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DANIELS FAVORS WOMEN VOTING

Ready for Inevitable, Says Secretary of Navy.

HE ADDRESSES CIVIC LEAGUE

Rule of American Sea Force Makes Speech in San Francisco Full of Fine Sentiment Regarding Woman and Home.

San Francisco.—In a speech studied with fine sentiment regarding women and the home, Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, addressed the Women's Civic League here.

"We may as well get ready for the inevitable," said the Secretary, "for women are going to vote."

But he did not seem to be much alarmed at this, for he added: "I am persuaded that neither principalities nor powers, things present nor things to come, learning, the ballot, nor anything can separate woman from womanliness and from the making of the home and the rearing of children. Therefore, none of the dire predictions of evil will fall upon us when women vote."

Secretary Daniels stated in the course of his address that he once advocated a plan to determine whether men or women were better qualified to govern by giving women the exclusive use of the ballot for a period of 10 years, and at the end of the 10 years experts could then determine which sex were the better fitted to exercise the franchise. "But," said he, "I soon came to see that this was not practical or practicable."

Long Beach, Cal.—State laws compelling the citizens to exercise the privilege of the ballot were advocated by Secretary Daniels, of the Navy Department, speaking here at a luncheon in his honor.

"We have too large a class of citizens," he said, "generally well educated and well-to-do, who advocate the kingly right of suffrage. A way should be found to make it easy for them to vote, to then require it of them. There is hardly an election anywhere in the country, outside of presidential years, where the issue is not carried by a minority of the electorate.

"There should be a law by which all officers and enlisted men in the Army and Navy, all other public officers who are employed away from their place of residence, all college students who are of age, and all drummers and railroad men can vote by mail."

COATLESS IN COURT.

Judge Rules That a Gentleman Is Still Such Even in Shirt Sleeves.

Pittsburgh.—Clerks in the Court of Common Pleas, Judge Marshall Brown sitting, appeared without their coats. "A man is a gentleman whether he has his coat on or not," ruled Judge Brown in deciding that the attaches could appear coatless in court.

COST OF CHILDREN.

Miss Maher, Expert Swimmer, Represents \$2,481.94 Invested.

Boston.—Miss Winnie Maher, 17 years old, and an expert swimmer, represents an investment of just \$2,481.94, according to her mother. If five brothers stay at home until high school it will cost \$21,000, says Mrs. Maher.

FOR NON-PARTISAN NOMINATION.

Gov. Tener Signs Bill Applying To Judges and Two Cities.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Governor Tener signed the bill providing for the nomination by non-partisan ballot of all judges in Pennsylvania from the highest to the lowest court of record. The new law also provides for the nomination by non-partisan ballot of all municipal officers in second-class cities. Pittsburgh and Scranton are the only cities in the second-class.

50 GIRL WORKERS PERISH IN FLAMES

Fifty Others Are Injured in Factory Fire.

WOMEN JUMP FROM WINDOWS

Thought a Genuine Alarm Was "Test" and Did Not Hasten Out—Blaze Rears Through Structure Like a Whirlwind.

Binghamton, N. Y.—A wisp of smoke and a spurt of flame swept up the stairway leading to the second floor of a four-story brick building at 17 Wall street here.

Then came a smother of smoke and flame and over it all rang the shrieks of 126 girl employees. In 20 minutes the walls of the building crumbled with deafening roars and the shriveled corpses of from 50 to 70 persons, mostly working girls, were burned in a mass of white-hot ruin.

Many others were injured, and it is thought that at least a dozen of these will die.

The Binghamton Clothing Company, of which Reed B. Freeman is manager and principal stockholder, occupied the building. It faced the river and stood free from surrounding structures.

While the exact number is not known, 126 girls are believed to have been at work on their machines. Twenty women were at work on the third floor, where the finishing was done, and from 80 to 100 on the top floor, where the scores of sewing machines were humming industriously when the fire broke out.

Thought Alarm Fire Drill.

A fire alarm system had been installed in the factory but two months ago and frequent fire drills were held. This proved the undoing of the unfortunate employees. Within the past two weeks three test alarms had been sounded and the girls had grown into the habit of taking their time and walking leisurely out.

When the fire gong rang at 2.30 o'clock William Bennett, a cutter on the second floor, noticed a wisp of smoke coming up the stairway leading from the entrance on the first floor. He pushed the fire alarm and the gongs rang throughout the building.

So quick was the fire that before Bennett and his fellow-employees on that floor could reach the fire escapes the room was filled with smoke and the flames were leaping up the stairway. This is said to have been the only exit from the building except a fire escape at the back.

PISA TOWER IN DANGER.

Famous World's Wonder Will Be Strengthened At Base To Prevent Fall.

Pisa.—The leaning tower of Pisa is to be strengthened. The tower has been falling more out of a line with the perpendicular every year and its condition is now very dangerous. The foundations are to be drained and the base is to be widened and filled up to the level of the square.

CAT CAUSED DEATH.

Jumped On Owner's Shoulder While He Was Handling Razor.

Paris.—A pet cat jumped upon Edmund Harry's shoulder while he was shaving and caused him to cut a gash in his throat from which he died.

CARRIED DYNAMITE IN BASKET.

Seven Sticks Explode and Only Bits of Body Are Found.

Rochester, N. Y.—Seven sticks of dynamite which John Everitt was carrying in a basket out of a shed in the heart of the town of Honeoye exploded and blew him to pieces. The shed disappeared skyward, nearby buildings rocked, windows were broken for a wide area and residents thrown into a panic. Only bits of Everitt's body were recovered.

PRESIDENT PLANS TO END STRIFE

Wilson Prohibits Shipment of Arms Into Mexico.

NEUTRALITY TO BE STRICT.

Huerta Administration Deprived Of Privilege Previously Accorded Madero Government.

Washington.—President Wilson has determined that no faction in the present Mexican revolution shall obtain arms or ammunition from the United States and that neutrality must be observed in its strictest sense.

This was the interpretation of the neutrality laws decided upon by the President after conferences with Senator Bacon and Representative Flood, chairman of the tow Congressional Committees on Foreign Relations.

While the Mexican rebels have been getting no arms heretofore, latest developments mean that the Huerta administration will be deprived of the privilege previously accorded the Madero Government and that the United States will treat all sides alike in the present dispute.

Constitutionalists Complained. The situation was precipitated by the repeated complaints of the Constitutionalists and their sympathizers in this country that if the United States did not virtually assist the Huerta Government by selling it munitions of war a termination of hostilities would be possible. Sentiment in favor of a new policy grew in Congress to such extent that a canvass was made of the Foreign Relations Committees in both houses.

It was found that there would be little objection to repealing the joint resolution of March 14, 1912, giving the President discretionary power to prohibit exportations of arms or munitions of war to countries where domestic violence existed, but permitting him to allow the legally constituted Government of any country to buy war supplies as usual. Senator Bacon, however, reiterated as he left the White House that the Huerta administration could not be considered a legitimate successor of the Madero regime or a legally constituted government.

The Constitutionalists representatives here had protested to the State Department that inasmuch as the Huerta Government had not been recognized it ought not to obtain arms. This construction of the case found favor in official circles, and while the repeal of the resolution of March 14, 1912, was considered by Administration officials as one way of equalizing conditions, it was decided that the same purpose could be observed by denying ammunition to all factions.

There is nevertheless a firm feeling in Congress in favor of lifting the embargo on arms and giving both sides an equal opportunity to equip themselves. This sentiment finds favor especially among those who believe that the Carranza rebels have public opinion behind them in Mexico and if given the arms with which to supply their large unequipped forces the revolution would end speedily in their favor.

REJECT ROUMANIA'S PROPOSAL.

Greece and Serbia Opposed To A Provisional Armistice.

Bucharest, Roumania.—Greece and Serbia definitely rejected the Roumanian proposal for the conclusion of a provisional armistice during the conference at Nish. The two Governments say they can consent to the cessation of hostilities only after the signature of an armistice and of the peace preliminaries.

PARDONS DYING MAN.

President Wilson Will Allow Confederate Soldier Freedom.

Washington.—To prolong the life of George W. Nunley, a Confederate veteran, dying in the Paducah (Ky.) Jail, President Wilson commuted to expire at once the prisoner's one-year sentence for making a false claim for a pension. He was sent to jail in November, 1912, for claiming a pension as a Union soldier.

DR. ASBURY FOUND GUILTY.

West Virginia Legislator Convicted On Bribery Charges.

Webster Springs, W. Va.—Dr. H. S. Asbury, the Putnam county legislator, was found guilty of bribery by a jury here. The verdict was returned after four hours and fifty minutes deliberation. Four hours was required by the Senator B. A. Smith Jury to arrive at a verdict and two hours by the Delegate Rath Duff Jury.

PROTECT THE MEADOW LARK.

Department Of Agriculture Says They Kill Injurious Pests.

Washington.—Protect and encourage the meadow lark, for its principal diet consists of cotton boll and alfalfa weevils, grasshoppers and predaceous ground beetles, advises the Department of Agriculture. While the bird, it is acknowledged, does some damage to sprouting grain, its value as a destroyer of injurious insects is shown to be far greater.

SEEKING AID OF "BOB WHITE"

Farmers Turn to Birds For Protection Against Insect Pest

FEAR EXTENSIVE LOSSES

Destructive Bugs Rampant About Altoona—Nothing Escapes Their Ravages—Agricultural Expert Advocates Propagation of Birds.

Altoona.—Farmers are having more than the usual trouble this season with pests. Destructive bugs and insects of every description are rampant and nothing escapes their ravages. The consequent losses will amount to many hundreds of dollars. R. Bruce Dunlap, county agriculturist expert, is devoting considerable time to searching for a remedy, but admits that the most effective means of combating the pests will be the protection and the propagation of birds which devour bugs and insects. In this class he placed Bob White first. He declares that it would be money well spent to propagate these friends of the farmers. Heretofore they have been regarded in many sections as being only worth hunting, and as a result they are rather scarce. Now they are being sought, not to be killed, but to be protected and fed in the winter months.

Home for Old Maids.

York.—One of the most remarkable free institutions in Pennsylvania is proposed in the will of Miss Anna L. Gardner, an aged woman, the last of three eccentric unmarried sisters, who died at her home here recently. It provides an entire estate of almost \$500,000 for the establishment of the "Hahn Home" for Old Maids, for those who have, through broken fortune, been deprived of comforts to which they were accustomed—not paupers or insane. In the terms of the will the inmates are to be "worthy aged and unmarried women of the State of Pennsylvania, not less than 50 years of age, who have met with misfortune in business or diminution in estate, depriving them of the means of support in the surroundings of comfort and refinement which they were accustomed to enjoy." There is no provision made for relatives.

Sunday Ball Charge Dismissed.

Clifton Heights.—Because they were arrested so promptly that the law was not strictly observed, the five Sunday ball players arraigned before Magistrate Clevinger in Shee's Hall had to be set free. The hall, the largest in the borough, was packed with sympathizers, and a shout went up when the Magistrate announced his decision.

The defendants, who were Thomas Carr, John Gilligan, Thomas Delaney, William Jones and George Feshan, owe their luck to their counsel, Gilpin Robinson, who pointed out that the Constitution provides that a sworn complaint must be entered by the prosecution and a warrant sworn out before an arrest can be made. This was not done in the ball players' case, as County Detective O'Toole, assisted by four other detectives, arrested the five players on sight.

Violated Game Laws.

Wilkes-Barre.—Dr. Joseph Kalbfus, secretary of the State Game Commission, was in this city prosecuting violators of the game laws. Roland Reese and Sylvester Kiltbolt, both of Bucks township, had a hearing before Alderman Pollock. Nine offenses were charged against Reese and sentence was suspended. Kiltbolt paid \$25 fine for a single offense. Both men were charged with having sold grouse last year.

Cranberries Grow on Wreck Site.

Marietta.—Several years ago there was a freight wreck on the Downingtown and Lancaster Railroad, near Churchtown, in the lower end of the county, and considerable fruit was scattered over the road and in the field. A bed of cranberries is now in full bloom at that point and it is believed they took seed from this wreckage. It is the only cranberry bed in the county and is attracting much attention.

Last Smoke on Powder Kegs.

Shamokin.—Probably his last smoke—at least under similar circumstances—was taken by Enoch Sadonic on a powder keg in Richard mine. While Sadonic puffed at a cigarette, an explosion followed, caused, it is thought, by a spark falling into the keg. Sadonic was so badly burned that he will likely die.

Luzerne County Judge.

Harrisburg.—Gov. Tener signed the bill for a fifth judge in Luzerne county and named Benjamin R. Jones for the place.

"We Will Never Wed."

Sunbury.—This borough has an "Old Maids' Club," as they term it. Seven young women, all in their twenties, have formed an organization, which has for its slogan "We will never wed." Miss Hetta Fulton, who has big blue eyes, golden hair and rosy cheeks is its president. She said today:—"No, sir; we will never wed. If we grow old with no husbands to love, or children to cherish us, we will have to be contented with the proverbial cats and parrots to comfort us and be our companions."