

## 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.

Commission government petitions are being signed in Sunbury.

Getting beyond his depth, William Griffith, a married man of two weeks, drowned in Hancy's Lake, Wilkes-Barre.

A cave-in at Green Ridge has aroused fear among the wealthy residents in that fashionable Scranton suburb.

A revolver discharging as he cleaned it, Leroy Renn, 21 years old, of Shamokin, was shot in the head, causing instant death.

The \$40,000 school donated to Packerton by the late Mary S. Cummings, will be built on a site donated by John C. Dolan, Mauch Chunk.

Allentown's seventh playground was dedicated with elaborate ceremonies, at which Professor R. K. Buehrle, of Lancaster, was speaker.

Founding a railroad torpedo with a bazooka, 13-year-old Bernard Dean, South Bethlehem, was peppered in the face, chest and arms.

The death of Michael Luscheck, Glen Carbon, from stab wounds, has been certified by a Coroner's jury as the deed of Martin Notch.

The Commissioners of Chester county will have a new roof put on Gibson's bridge, over the Brandywine creek, East Bradford township.

The big barn of George L. Jones, in Birmingham township, which was destroyed by lightning a few days ago was equipped with two lightning rods.

Dr. Charles Hollister, of Massachusetts, has been selected superintendent of the county insane hospital, at Embreeville, to succeed Dr. Ralph Kell.

Thrown from a wagon when two mules scared and ran away, Alfred M. Herpel, postmaster at the trout hatchery near Kresgeville, sustained several broken ribs.

Frank Hartzel, a former Mauch Chunk resident, committed suicide in the Schenectady jail, where he was being held on a charge of murdering a fellow-workman.

Hearing a robber coming up the stairs of his home, Charles Weller of Pottstown, shot his revolver out of a second story window and the intruder made a hasty departure.

A bus service is to be inaugurated between Mauch Chunk and Hazleton, which will reduce travel between the two places by 12 miles and cut the time to less than an hour.

A dozen loaded cars in the upper Mauch Chunk yard drifted to the main Jersey Central track and traffic was held up several hours while the runaways were being caught.

Caught between a wagon and a fence when the horses plunged as he was at the brake, Howard Mull, 12 years old, of Schlemerville, sustained scalp wounds that required 18 stitches.

Dazed by the heat, David Metz, a section foreman on the Oley Valley trolley road, wandered around without food or drink for 24 hours before he recovered his senses, seven miles out of Reading.

Leaving a note that, because he was a cripple, he knew he was a burden to his parents, Walter Cool, 18 years old, shot himself in the left breast and died at the Mid-Valley Hospital, Peckville.

When a stranger pulled a gun on Barber William Johnson, of Catasauqua, demanding his money, Johnson crouched behind a chair and yelled. As neighbors hurried to see what was wrong the robber fled.

His mother having died and left him part of her estate, George Wills, of Marcus Hook, has asked the New York city authorities to assist him in his efforts to locate his son, William, who left home two years ago.

Dr. Charles B. Reitz, a graduate of Hahnemann, has been elected pathologist at the Rittersville Asylum.

Bumped by an engine as she was crossing the tracks at Tower City, 7-year-old Alice Mailey was hurled clear, but escaped with bruises.

Stepping out of the way of a train and getting in the way of another, John Dronceck, a Lehigh Valley gravel-train hand, of Mauch Chunk, had to have a crushed foot amputated at South Bethlehem Hospital.

## READY TO TRIPLE BANK DEPOSITS

If Necessary, Government is to Put Out \$150,000,000.

### BANKERS ARE OPTIMISTIC.

Consensus Of Opinion, Is That the \$50,000,000 At First Proposed Will Be Ample To Meet the Situation.

Washington.—The \$50,000,000 of Federal fund about to be deposited in the national banks of the West and South to assist in moving the crops will be increased to \$150,000,000, if necessary. The desire of the government to mobilize all the needed cash of the public treasury in the agricultural belts of the country to avert the money stringency characteristic of the crop-moving period was communitated to bankers of the Central West at a conference with Secretary McAdoo and Assistant Secretary John Skelton Williams, called by the Treasury Department to make arrangements for the distribution of the big sum.

While these representative financiers, fresh from the crop-marketing centers of the Middle States, welcomed the prospect of the proposed deposits, the consensus of opinion, it was stated, seemed to be that \$50,000,000 would be ample to meet the situation. The dominant tone of the bankers' expressed convictions was, the Treasury Department announced that business conditions were good, but that the promised deposits would relieve the usual strain.

**Air Currency Views.**  
The 31 bankers gathered at the meeting seized the opportunity to present their views on currency legislation to the government. They urged two material amendments to the pending Glass-Owen bill, one curtailing the powers of the federal reserve board proposed to control the reserve bank system, and the other essentially modifying the reserve requirements of the measure so as to minimize the decentralization of credits. With these changes, it was stated, all but two of the 31 bankers favored immediate banking and currency legislation.

Amendments to the bill were proposed to Chairman Owen, of the Senate Finance Committee, after the conference with treasury officials regarding the deposits, it was urged that the federal reserve board be deprived of all power of initiative, lodging that function with the proposed advisory board, composed of bankers. This proposition, would confine the administrative activity of the federal reserve board to the approval or disapproval of suggestions from its advisory council. The bankers argued that the federal reserve board should be stripped of administrative powers and made essentially a regulatory body.

**Criticize Reserve Feature.**  
Strong criticism was made of the reserve features of the bill. The bankers declared that, as at present drawn, it would decentralize credits to such an extent as to impair business seriously, some maintaining that they would be obliged materially to decrease their loans. They asked for a reduction of the reserve required of country and reserve city banks and such a relaxation as would permit the continuance of a proportion of reserves with reserve agents as at present instead of forcing these reserves into the federal reserve banks or keeping them in the bank's own vaults.

The bankers suggested that the reserves for country banks be reduced from 15 per cent. to 12 per cent., of which 5 per cent. would be held in the banks' vaults; 3 per cent. deposited with a federal reserve bank, and 4 per cent. placed with correspondents, or kept in its own vaults or deposited with the federal reserve bank. They recommended that the 20 per cent. reserves for reserve city banks be reduced to 18 per cent., 6 per cent. in the banks' own vaults, 6 per cent. in the federal reserve bank, and 6 per cent. with correspondent banks.

### WEDDING DISFRANCHISED HER.

California Woman Became British Subject On Marrying Scot.

San Francisco.—A test case, involving the right of a large number of California women to vote, was decided in the State Supreme Court here against Mrs. Ethel Cooper McKensie, wife of a Scotch singer. The Court sustained the decision of the San Francisco Election Commissioners that Mrs. McKensie, who is a native of California, became a British subject when she married McKensie, who has not foresworn his allegiance to King George.

### TO FIGHT HARD-COAL TRUST.

F. R. Coudert To Conduct Prosecution For Government.

Washington.—Frederic R. Coudert, a New York attorney, has been retained as a special assistant attorney general to take charge of the Department of Justice investigation of the Hard Coal Trust, the first development of which is to be a suit against the Redding Company. Attorney General McReynolds made the formal announcement.

## BOSS IS GOING AWAY



## FIRE DESTROYES MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Employes Rouse Hundreds From Sleep and Assist Them.

### MANY JUMP FROM WINDOWS

Exciting Rescues Of the Weak and Aged Told Of By Those Who Escaped.

Blue Mountain, Md.—A mass of charred debris and ashes still smoldering is all that remains of the once famous Blue Mountain House.

More than 200 patrons and 50 employes, awakened from their slumbers shortly before 6 o'clock Tuesday morning, escaped unharmed from the burning hotel.

It was probably the heaviest fire loss ever sustained in Washington county. Henry A. McComas, of Hagerstown, president of the company that operated the hostelry, places the loss on the hotel itself at \$200,000, and the guests, it is estimated, left \$100,000 worth of personal property in their rooms in their wild scramble to leave the place. The insurance, it is understood, is about \$50,000.

But two men were injured in the blaze, and their anxiety to escape by way of the elevator shaft instead of the stairways is blamed for their suffering. They are B. F. Metzgar and his nephew, Malcolm Frank, of Norfolk, Va. They are now in the hospital at Hagerstown with burns on the face and hands.

Employees of the hotel declare that the escape of the scores of patrons was little short of miraculous, as many of the sleeping vacationists were roused only after their doors had been kicked open. Most of the patrons were women and children and several of those saved were aged invalids, who had to be carried out.

Clad only in their night clothing, the 200 guests shivered as they paused on the dewy grass to gaze upon the flaming pine structure. In less than an hour and a half after the smoke was discovered between the cracks in the flooring of the lobby the building was razed to the ground.

It has not yet been determined what caused the fire. Some of the employes say a curtain blowing against a lighted gas jet started the conflagration. Others say a cigarette tossed in the debris of the basement is to blame.

On all sides the heroism of the bell-boys and negro porters was lauded. They participated in many daring rescues and carried numerous persons to safety down ladders.

### A BANNER YEAR.

The Largest Trade in the History Of the Country.

Washington.—The trade of the United States in the past fiscal year, was greater than in any previous year. Figures just completed show that it was \$4,275,000,000, greater by \$421,000,000 than last year's record of exports and imports. The balance in favor of the country this year was \$653,000,000. The exports exceeded those of 1912 by \$261,500,000, while the imports increased by only \$159,700,000. The greatest gain in exports was in manufactures ready for consumption, in which class there was an increase of \$105,000,000 over 1912. In manufactures for further use in manufacturing there was an increase of more than \$60,000,000.

### ANOTHER CURRENCY BILL.

Lindbergh, Progressive, Introduces One in the House.

Washington.—Another currency bill was introduced in the House by Representative Lindbergh, of Minnesota, Progressive member of the Banking and Currency Committee. The bill contemplates the use of bank reserves to meet extraordinary demands in time of financial stress and the substitution of emergency currency for the reserves.

## L. & N. MAIL CAR ROBBED

Handcuff Clerks and Take Registered Matter.

### VALUE OF LOOT NOT KNOWN.

Holdup Occurs On Louisville and Nashville Road—Robbers Enter Car At Calera and Leave It At Birmingham.

Birmingham, Ala.—The mail car on the fast Louisville and Nashville passenger train No. 4, northbound from New Orleans, was boarded and robbed by two unknown white men, who held up the mail clerks. All the registered mail was taken, but no estimate could be made of the amount obtained.

The train reached Birmingham on time at 8:37 o'clock and two of the mail clerks, George Hoover and E. G. York, were found handcuffed together in such a way that the irons had to be filed from their wrists. The thumbs of Chief Clerk Harry Everett were securely bound together with heavy twine.

The robbers boarded the mail car at Calera, on the side opposite the station, as the train began to move. The clerks said they immediately were covered with revolvers and ordered to turn their faces to the wall. Everett looked around once and was fired upon, the bullet just missing his head. The robbers jumped from the train at Fourteenth street in Birmingham.

Chief Clerk Everett said he had no idea of the value of the registered mail, but declared that the robbers took it all. Both were short, slender men, he said, but he did not get a good look at their faces, as they were forced to keep their own faces turned to the wall.

The clerks first saw the robbers as they came aboard on their hands and knees. One robber kept his pistols leveled at the men while the other ransacked the mail. The distance from Calera to Birmingham is 23 miles, so that they had plenty of time to make a thorough job. No one besides the mail clerks on the train apparently knew the robbers were aboard.

When the engineer stopped for the Southern crossing at Fourteenth street, Birmingham, he chanced to look back and saw the two men jump from the mail car door. This aroused his suspicions, and an investigation revealed the handcuffed clerks.

### CASTRO REVOLT NOT GENERAL.

Outbreak in Widely Separated Districts, Is Report.

Willemstad, Curacao.—The revolution in Venezuela under the leadership of Cipriano Castro, former dictator, is not general, but is noticeable only in widely separated portions of the country, according to reports received here from Maracaibo. Cabled dispatches from abroad are not admitted there by the Government authorities.

### WOMAN JURY PASSES ON INSANE.

In Every Case Judgment Meets With Judge's Satisfaction.

Chicago.—Chicago's first woman jury sat in judgment in the cases of 25 women and children in the court for the insane at the Detention Hospital. It was composed of six women, all of whom are connected with educational and charitable organizations. In every case brought to their attention their decision met with the satisfaction of County Judge Owen.

### VIOLATES THE TREATY.

Japan Sticks To Her Position in Her Latest Note.

Tokio.—The Japanese government has prepared a new note for presentation to the United States government in answer to Secretary of State Bryan's last communication to Japan concerning the California alien land ownership legislation. The new note defends the position Japan previously assumed—that the land ownership bill violates the Japanese-American treaty.

## WILL IGNORE THE AMERICAN ENVOY

The Mexican Situation Gravest in Years.

### PRESIDENT HUERTA DEFIANT

Will Wait Until Emissary Has Had a Chance To Explain His Mission—President Realizes Gravity.

### Insists On Recognition.

By order of the President of the republic, I declare as Minister of Foreign Affairs ad interim that if Mr. Lind does not bring credentials in due form, together with recognition of the Government of Mexico, his presence in this country will not be desirable.—Statement of Mexican Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Washington.—The American Government is confronted by what official Washington regards as the most delicate situation in its relations with Mexico that has yet developed since armed revolution disturbed the peace of the southern republic.

The official declaration by Manuel Gara Adalpe, Mexican Minister of Public Instruction, who is acting as Minister for Foreign Affairs, to the effect that John Lind, the President's personal envoy, would be non grata unless he brought credentials in due form and was prepared to recognize the Government of Mexico caused a decided stir.

The threatened rebuff from the Huerta administration to the mission of Mr. Lind, on the way to Mexico to expound the hopes of the United States for a suspension of hostilities and an orderly, constitutional election in Mexico, drew from Senator Bacon, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, a declaration on the floor of the Senate that the present situation was "the gravest in years, much graver than confronted us when the Cuban question was here."

President Wilson was unmoved by advices from Mexico City depicting the Huerta Government as inimical to Mr. Lind's mission. He let it be known, too, that so far as he was able to learn there was not the slightest demand from the American people for intervention and declined to discuss alternatives that might be used in event the efforts of the American Government to help restore peace in Mexico were rejected.

The President is confidently hopeful that a peaceable solution of the Mexican trouble can be effected. He made it plain to callers that until advised officially to the contrary he would continue to regard as incredible the statements issued on behalf of President Huerta declaring Mr. Lind's presence in Mexico undesirable.

While there is little disposition to doubt the veracity of the news dispatches describing the attitude of the Huerta Government against Lind, hope is entertained among Administration officials that upon mature reflection no such intimations will be formally conveyed to the Washington authorities.

### SIX DIE IN RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

Freight Train Falls Through a Bridge Near Marietta, Ga.

Marietta, Ga.—Five trainmen and an unidentified negro were killed at Noonday Station, five miles north of here, when a southbound Louisville and Nashville freight train fell through a small bridge into a chasm 45 feet deep. The bridge is said to have been weakened by a heavy rain.

### LIGHTNING A MILE IN TUNNEL.

Nearly Tears Leg Off Miner and Shocks Score Of Others.

Globe, Ariz.—A bolt of lightning traveled through nearly a mile of tunnel in the Copper reef mine, jumped 300 feet down a winze, nearly tore a leg off of one miner and shocked more than a score of others. The bolt was conducted through the tunnel by the steel rails of a skip hoist.

### BABY DROWNS IN VINEGAR.

Two-Year-Old Falls Into Eight-Gallon Jar Head First.

Paris, Ill.—Falling into an eight-gallon jar of vinegar, Lester, 2-year-old son of George David, a farmer, was drowned before the mother could rescue him. The child fell in head foremost, only the feet being in view when discovered.

### BULL DERAILS TRAIN.

Two Men Killed When Train Hit Animal Asleep On Track.

Des Moines, Ia.—Two men were killed and two injured when a bull on the track caused the derailment of a Wabash freight train near Runnels, Iowa. Henry Lang, Des Moines, a fireman, and Arthur Cobb, Moulton, a brakeman, were those who met death. Engineer Frank Lewman and brakeman Elmer Childs, of Moulton, were seriously injured.

## FAMOUS FARM IS ABANDONED

Once Worth \$35,000, Great House and Barns Now Empty

### MANSION HAD 500 ACRES

Shows Increasing Unpopularity of Agricultural Vocation in Chester County—Had Yielded Pteous Crops for Many Years.

Pottstown.—Along with the other untenanted farms in the Warwicks, Coventries and other townships of northern Chester county, which illustrate the increasing unpopularity of the agricultural vocation in that section, the famous Warwick farm of 500 acres has been added. The fine mansion and the large barns with stabling for 100 head of stock are now unoccupied, and the land is no longer yielding its bounty of pteous crops as it had done for upward of 150 years.

Thirty-three years ago the David Pott estate sold the Warwick farm to Thomas Sterrett, and an appraisal of the former's estate after his death in 1864 placed the value of the farm at \$35,000. It is located in one of the most historic sections of Chester county because of its association with Revolutionary days. At the old Warwick farm, cannon and other munitions of war were made for Washington's army, which camped there September 18-19, 1777.

### Broken Neck a Puzzle.

Chester.—Urian Washburn, aged 54, the man with the broken neck, baffled the physicians at the Chester Hospital several hours. When a companion slapped Washburn on the back the wire band which supports his fractured neck, snapped, and he fell to the sidewalk unconscious.

That Washburn has lived with a broken neck for five years was not known by the physicians and his case was a puzzling one until they ascertained the real cause of his trouble. After a new wire band was placed about his neck Washburn recovered and left the hospital apparently as well as ever.

The silver wire runs through the spinal column. Washburn fractured the vertebrae of his neck in falling from a high building on the construction of which he was employed as an iron worker in Baltimore. With the aid of the wire support he is able to perform light labor and is employed as a watchman at a local industrial plant.

### Goat Eats Probe Records.

Wilkes-Barre.—All the duplicate records of proceedings of the senatorial investigation of official affairs in Philadelphia, conducted by the committee of which Senator Catlin was chairman, were destroyed when Senator Catlin's pet goat entered the warehouse where the papers were stored and ate them. The goat, which died shortly after, the Senator regretted very much the demise of the goat.

"I didn't think he would do it," he said. "I had been led to believe by Dr. Church, who presented me with the animal, that the pedigree of the goat was high and that he was above eating paper, tin cans, etc. For that reason I had no hesitancy in giving him the freedom of my storeroom. But I now see that I made a mistake."

### Mayor Proves Motorman.

Altoona.—While acting as motorman on the first trolley car over the extension to the local lines, Mayor Simon H. Walker prevented an accident, when a wagon loaded with dirt came down a side street and stopped on the track.

A collision was imminent, as the trolley car was moving at a lively speed. Throwing off the power, the Mayor applied the hand brakes so vigorously that the car stopped a foot from the wagon. City officials and newspaper men who were making the trip cheered the Mayor's cleverness as a motorman and he can have a job if he ever gets hard up.

### Side Wipe Delays Train.

Altoona.—Passengers on the Capital Express, a through train of sleeping cars on the Pennsylvania Railroad from the West had a narrow escape from injury, when all the sleepers were sidelined by a locomotive near here. The cars were badly scraped and some were otherwise damaged, but no passengers were hurt. The train was returned to Altoona, where temporary repairs were made, and after a delay of one hour and twenty minutes it proceeded. At Harrisburg all the passengers were transferred to another train and sent south to Washington.

### Bolt Wrecks Throttle.

Shamokin.—At the height of a terrific rain and electrical storm lightning struck a Reading Railroad locomotive and ran to the throttle, grasped by Engineer Jacob Spatzer, who was hurled to the floor by the shock and rendered senseless, his arm being paralyzed.

A bolt struck Mrs. Noble Clement's home, seriously shocking her, while one side of Theodore Husta, Excelsior, was paralyzed by a bolt entering his home and striking him as he sat on a rocking chair.