

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.

Allentown's school registration has for the first time passed the 10,000 mark.

A Harrisburg firm obtained the contract for printing the Lancaster county primary ballots.

Part of his 176-pound honey crop Oliver H. Urfer, Emaus, sent to President Wilson as a gift.

Thomas H. Snelson has presented Bristol school with 1000 individual sanitary drinking cups.

Although he confiscated more than 100 short measures, Sealer Rabb, of Columbia county, found some dealers giving over-measure.

During August the Reading breweries manufactured 39,945 barrels of beer and the cigar factories turned out 12,091,060 cigars.

George W., son of the Rev. W. P. Compton, of Churchtown, was drowned while swimming in the Schuylkill River near Valley Forge.

The Hopple family held its reunion at Oakland Park, near Bethlehem with 400 present, and elected W. Isaac Hopple, of Tatamy, president.

Run down by a motorcycle ridden by Harvey Baer, at Reading, Elizabeth Goodman, aged 65, is not expected to recover, while Baer is in jail.

The Reedy families held their sixth reunion at Stricklerstown and elected L. S. Reedy president, John H. Reedy secretary and Calvin L. Lebo treasurer.

Lancaster revenue receipts for August were \$497,112.92; cigars furnished \$232,358.45; beer, \$197,205; spirits, \$38,744.62, and tobacco and snuff, \$27,834.44.

His automobile colliding with a telegraph pole, H. G. Semsinger, principal of Lower Heidelberg schools, escaped with a cut leg, while the car was wrecked.

Le Roy Rothmel, of Walnuttown, leads Berks county anglers with a bass caught in Maiden Creek 20 1/4 inches in length and weighing 3 pounds 10 ounces.

Fire did \$15,000 damage in the up-town business section, starting in the furniture store of Bernhard Handier and spreading to an adjoining apartment house.

A cow belonging to Jacob Stinley, escaping from his stock yards at South Perkaskie, walked about the streets of Perkaskie bellowing all night and kept folks awake.

Residents of Wycombe, Mozart, Penn's Park, Forest Grove, Pineville and Rushland organized a fire company and elected Charles E. Woodmansee president.

Boyetown's largest cigar factory is so rushed with orders that it added 15 1/2 hours a week to its working schedule. Recently the employes were raised \$1 a thousand.

J. R. Hamilton, wife and son, of Jonkers, N. Y., were thrown out of an automobile when it went over a two-foot embankment at Easton and were slightly injured.

The 53-acre tract known as Lehighon Heights has been purchased by Arthur Kemmerer and will in part form a site for the National Automatic Printing Press plant.

John Smedley, naturalist and mineralogist and known as the grand old man of Media, passed his ninety-first milestone in life. His health and hearing are good and every day he takes long walks.

The Northampton County School Directors' Association, at its annual meeting, at Nazareth, elected Titus Rauch, of Hellertown, as president. Dr. J. George Becht, secretary of the State Board of Education, delivered the principal address.

John Kroll, a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital, while delirious from fever took advantage of the absence of his nurse, escaped from the building and leaped to death on the sidewalk, 30 feet below.

The quarterly meeting of the German Federated Societies of the Lehigh Valley was held in St. Joseph's Hall, East Mauch Chunk. The Rev. Father Joseph Assman, pastor of St. Joseph's German Catholic Church, of East Mauch Chunk, presided, and an address in English was delivered.

HOT SPRINGS SWEEP BY FIRE

Area Mile Long and Seven Blocks Wide Burned.

LOSS PUT AT \$10,000,000.

No Fatalities and Few Persons Hurt—Many Large Buildings and Smaller Houses by Hundreds Destroyed.

Hot Springs, Ark.—Fire which started in a negro's cabin at 3.30 o'clock Friday afternoon was slowly dying out at the foot of West Mountain, the southern extremity of Hot Springs, at midnight after reducing to a smouldering mass of wreckage an area more than a mile in length and from seven to ten blocks wide in the eastern section of the city. The monetary loss is roughly estimated at \$10,000,000.

Governor Hays will probably order a military patrol of the burned district. United States troops will also add to the guard on the military reservation. In the path of the flames were manufacturing houses, hotels, a number of the more pretentious residences and public buildings, which are in ashes. It is estimated that more than 2,000 persons are homeless.

So far as can be ascertained there were no fatalities, and the few persons hurt suffered only minor injuries.

THE BUILDINGS DESTROYED.

Among the buildings destroyed were:

- The city's light, water and power plants.
- County Courthouse.
- High school building.
- Park Hotel.
- Moody Hotel.
- Princess Hotel.
- St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad Station and Shop.
- The Arkansas Sanatorium.

Smaller buildings by the hundreds were reduced to ashes.

Guests Flee, Leaving Property.

But few of those whose homes were burned saved any of their household effects, and guests of the hotels gave little heed to their valuables and luggage in their efforts to escape the flames. The fire originated within several blocks of the United States Army and Navy Hospital and took a south and east course.

Frail negro structures in the negro section about Church street and Malvern avenue, where the fire started, made more than ordinarily inflammable by an extended drought, burned like timber.

CARLSBAD OF AMERICA.

Famous Resort Visited By Many Thousands Each Year.

Between three great hills in what early gained the picturesque title of "a valley of vapors," is situated the town, resort or sanitarium of Hot Springs.

In former years a resort solely for the victims of various blood diseases, who came on litters and on crutches to bathe in the magic waters, it speedily became a watering place in all that the word implies. The invalids and cripples are still in evidence, but with them come each year 50,000 American citizens, not only for the purpose of being treated for fancied or real ailments, but also to enjoy the agreeable climate, the charming scenery, the gay life at the great, modern hotels, the invigorating baths, the mountain rides, and the general excitement and attractiveness of what may well be known as the Carlsbad of America.

SEEKING WAY TO VOTE.

Traveling Salesmen Want Franchise Away From Home.

Washington.—Representatives of the Association of Traveling Salesmen conferred with Speaker Clark and Secretary Daniels asking support for a movement to create a way for travelers to vote when away from home. Mr. Daniels was interested in their plan, as it referred to franchise for the men of the army and navy. The conference with the Speaker concerned a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment.

AGAIN ON WAR FOOTING.

Troops Are Prepared To Move On Orders From Washington.

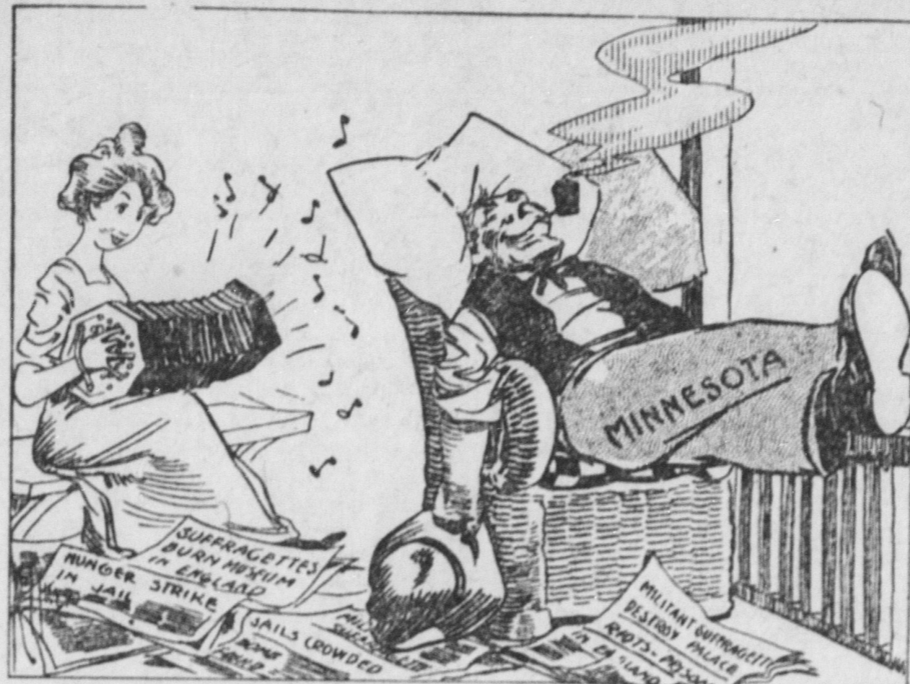
Galveston.—The second army division under General Carter's command at Texas City again was placed on war footing upon orders received from Washington. The troops are ready to embark on transports at a minute's notice.

MILLIONS IN TRADING STAMPS.

Thomas A. Sperry, Who Made Fortune, Is Dead.

New York.—Thomas A. Sperry, who made a fortune out of trading stamps, died at his city residence here. Mr. Sperry was president of the Sperry & Hutchinson Company and a pioneer in the trading-stamp business. His fortune is estimated at \$10,000,000. Mr. Sperry returned a few days ago from Europe so ill that he had to be taken ashore in a wheel chair.

MISS COLUMBIA'S WAY



Music to Soothe the Savage Breast of Man and Secure the Right to Vote in Minnesota.—News Item.

GREAT TIDAL WAVE 300 MAY BE LOST

Ocracoke Island Believed to Have Been Wave-Swept Clean.

DESOLATION ALONG COAST.

Washington, Newbern, Bell Haven and Other Towns Have Suffered Loss of Millions.

Raleigh, N. C.—There is a feeling of certainty that Ocracoke Island, on the coast, has been swept in the hurricane and that not a living soul of the nearly 500 people of the island escaped. This belief is based on the high tide in the Pamlico Sound.

Morehead City, Beaufort, Newbern, Washington, Bayboro, Bell Haven and dozens of small towns on the coast are reported as having great losses from the fury of the gale.

At Washington the water was waist deep in the street; two railroad bridges, one a mile long, of the Norfolk Southern Line were washed away, docks, steamships, large warehouses, residences and a splendid public building were destroyed and three people were reported dead.

In Newbern the water was several feet deep in the streets. A number of small vessels were sunk, public bridges destroyed and lumber mills badly damaged.

SCENES OF DESOLATION.

Whole North Carolina Coast Suffers From Devastating Storm.

Charlotte, N. C.—Scenes of desolation mark almost the entire North Carolina coast as the result of a hurricane which struck this section. Dispatches coming in over makeshift lines of communication indicate that the town of Bell-Haven is wiped off the map, while the town of Washington, N. C., not only suffered from the wind but also lost heavily by floods. The loss in Beaufort county, in which Washington is situated, alone will exceed \$2,000,000.

Bridges were swept away by the water and wind at Washington, where buildings crumbled under the fury of the blast as they did at Morehead City, Oriental, Bayboro and a number of smaller towns.

At Newbern several streets were inundated and the thoroughfares were lined with debris. The damage in that city alone probably will exceed \$500,000. To add to the terror of the citizens, fire broke out during the tempest and was controlled with difficulty. Two railroad bridges, one of them a mile long, were swept away.

In Aurora 15 houses were destroyed, while at Vandemere the damage was heavy, one firm alone declaring its loss to be at least \$40,000. In this city more than 200 cattle and hogs were drowned.

Throughout Eastern North Carolina growing crops are virtually a total loss and no estimate of the devastating effect of the wind and rain can be made. It is believed to be, however, incalculable.

EX-SENATOR DEAD.

John Martin, Of Kansas, Passes Away After Illness Of Nine Weeks.

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 2.—John Martin, former United States Senator from Kansas, died today at his home after an illness of nine weeks.

WILLIAM H. MAULE DEAD.

Millionaire Club Man Stricken With Apoplexy In New York.

New York.—William Henry Maule, millionaire clubman, of Philadelphia, was fatally stricken with apoplexy, while conversing with friends at the New York Club, of which he was a member. He died an hour later. Mr. Maule was a wholesale seedsman of Villa Nova, Pa. With Mrs. Maule, he arrived in New York late this afternoon.

WILL PLAY BIG FOOTBALL GAME

Army and Navy Reach an Agreement.

DECIDE UPON POLO GROUNDS.

The Navy Yields To Desire Of Army To Play the Game in New York—November 29th Date Selected.

Washington.—The Army-Navy football game will be played at the New York Polo Grounds on November 29. This was arranged at a conference between Secretary Daniels, Assistant Secretary Breckinridge and the athletic directors of West Point and Annapolis.

"I am very glad," said Secretary Breckinridge after the conference, "to say that the difficulty has been obviated through the generosity of the Navy in yielding to the desire of the Army to hold the game this year at the Polo Grounds. The reason for the desire of the Army to play the game at the Polo Grounds is the superior seating capacity and arrangements of the grounds for such a competition. It is not thought there will be any difficulty in obtaining satisfactory arrangements with the management of that field. Such generosity as the Navy has displayed in the present negotiations is bound to create an even more cordial feeling and cement more firmly that friendship which ever should and will exist between the two services."

It is understood that the management of the Polo Grounds will provide 12,500 seats for both the Army and Navy, with the privilege for each of them to purchase, in case of need, an additional 3,000. In case the two branches of the services should use only 25,000 seats, the sum of \$24,000 would be given the Army and Navy relief fund. That gives the Army and Navy the benefit of 31,000 seats, which is more than the entire seating capacity at Franklin Field, where they received 20,000, the balance going to the University of Pennsylvania.

BANDITS GET \$16,000.

Three Men Hold Up Deputy Sheriff and Two Employes Of Company.

Columbia, S. C.—Three men, each armed with revolvers, held up a deputy sheriff and two employes of the J. G. White Construction Company at Parr Shoals, 20 miles from here, and took from them \$16,000 in currency, representing the pay roll of the company, which is building a huge power dam. J. C. Joyner, the deputy sheriff, who accompanied the pay clerks, resisted the bandits and was shot, the bullet taking effect in the thigh. His wound is not serious.

TO WALK ACROSS CONTINENT.

Three New York Men Will Leave Washington Next Sunday.

Washington.—Three New York men—Jack Walters, Alex. Kingston and Samuel Dobrow—left here Sunday for a stroll to the Pacific Coast by way of Florida. The winter will be spent in that state and the jaunt resumed in March. They will carry a letter of introduction from the secretary of the commissioners of the District of Columbia, which they will have countersigned by the mayors of cities and towns along their routes. The tour is being taken for pleasure solely, the men declare.

KING MANUEL MARRIED.

Hohenzollern Princess Becomes His Bride.

Sigmaringen, Germany.—Manuel, former king of Portugal, was married here to Princess Augustine Victoria, daughter of Prince William of Hohenzollern. Cardinal Netto, former archbishop patriarch of Lisbon, conducted the religious ceremony. Count August Zu Eulenburg, grand marshal of the Prussian Court, presided over the civil function.

21 DEAD IN WRECK NEARLY 50 INJURED

Express Train Filled With Vacationists in Collision.

ENGINE THROUGH PULLMANS

Most Of the Victims Wealthy Vacationists—Third Serious Accident in a Year—Sections Crash In Fog.

New Haven, Conn.—Twenty-one persons were killed and nearly 50 injured, some of whom may die, in a rear-end collision shortly before 7 o'clock on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, six miles north of here. The first section of the White Mountain Express, bound for New York, speeding along at probably 40 miles an hour in a thick fog, rushed by a danger signal, it is said, and crashed into the rear of the second section of the Bar Harbor express, standing 100 feet beyond the block signal.

The White Mountain engine cleaved through the two rear Pullman cars, both of wood, splitting them in two and tossing their wreckage and three-score of mangled human beings, some alive and some dead, on each side of the track. The third car, also of wood, and occupied by 40 boys on their way from a summer camp at Monmouth, Maine, was lifted into the air and almost completely off the track. The car fell on its side crumpled up, two of the boys being crushed to death and several others injured.

Some of the victims of the two rear Pullmans were hurled from their berths over a fence paralleling the track 50 feet distant, while mattresses, bedding and clothing found lodgment in the telegraph wires.

It was the third serious wreck which the New Haven has suffered within a year, and inaugurated the first day of the regime of Howard Elliott, the newly elected head of the road. Mr. Elliott, returning from his summer home in New Hampshire to assume his duties, passed over the scene of the disaster on an earlier train, less than an hour before.

Practically all the passengers on both trains were returning home from summer vacations, and all but two of a camping party of nine, guests of S. Crozer Fox, of Elkins Park, Pa., coming back from Maine, were wiped out. Fox was among those killed.

No one was hurt in the White Mountain train.

THAW WINS MORE DELAY.

His Case Appealed To Full King's Bench.

Coaticook, Quebec.—Harry K. Thaw will be produced before the full King's Bench, appeal side, at Montreal, on the morning of September 15. Meantime he may be detained here or at Sherbrooke, or taken to Montreal on a moment's notice, at the discretion of the immigration authorities. Two of his counsel, J. N. Greenshield and N. K. La Flamme, obtained a double writ—habeas corpus and prohibition—at Montreal and whirled in a special train into Coaticook, where not long before the immigration authorities had ordered Thaw's deportation from the Dominion.

HUERTA ALSO SENDS ENVOY.

Significance Of His Mission To Washington.

Washington.—Developments in the Mexican situation are likely to await the arrival in Washington of Manuel de Zamacona e Inclan, personal envoy of the Huerta government, to continue with the Washington administration the negotiations begun by John Lind, the personal representative of President Wilson in Mexico.

STARVED THROUGH GRIEF.

Wm. Beidleman, Aged 96, Fasted For Fifty-Six Days.

Harrisburg, Pa.—William Beidleman died here, after a fast of 56 days, during which time he ate but two small pieces of toast. Mr. Beidleman was close to 96 years of age. His fast was due to grief at the death of a close relative, and he declared when asked why he did not eat, that he had no desire to take food.

SENATE PROBE ENDS.

Investigators Into "Insidious Lobby" Take An Indefinite Recess.

Washington, Sept. 3.—The Senate lobby investigating committee today finished its probe of the alleged lobby activities of the National Manufacturers' Association, and took an indefinite adjournment. Further sessions of the committee will not be held until the tariff bill is disposed of by the Senate.

TO REPORT ON PHILIPPINES.

Prof. Henry J. Ford, of Princeton, Has Returned From Islands.

Washington.—Prof. Henry James Ford, of Princeton, recently returned from a Philippine trip, will soon present an analysis of Philippine affairs, as he views them, to President Wilson. He declared he was not a candidate for a place on the Philippine Commission or any other post. He and the President are close personal friends.

MORE NURSES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dr. Albert Moxey Says Inspection Desirable

WOULD EXTEND THE SYSTEM

Twelve Hundred Miners Strike in Wilkes-Barre Field—Chester Entertains State Firemen's Association—New Armory for Allentown.

Norristown.—A strong plea for an extension of the system of visiting nurses in the public schools of Philadelphia was made in an address delivered here at the first fall bi-monthly meeting of the Montgomery County Medical Society by Dr. Albert F. Moxey, supervising school medical inspector of that city. By means of illustrated charts and photographs he showed that in schools without nurses 5.06 days were lost for each pupil afflicted with minor contagious diseases, as compared with 24 per cent. of a day by scholars who were looked after by nurses.

The meeting was held in the Charity Hospital. Dr. Charles J. Swalm, pathologist of the State Hospital for the Insane, spoke on diseases of the kidneys. Dr. Willis Read Roberts, school medical inspector of this place, referred to the results of school medical inspection among the public school children of Norristown.

A short history of the Philadelphia system of inspecting public school children along medical lines was given by Doctor Moxey, who said that rapid strides had been made in recent years. He explained the requirements of the school code governing medical school inspectors. On the basis that it costs 18 1/3 cents a day for each child in the public schools in Philadelphia the saving to the city through the operating of the school nurses' system from January to June, 1913, amounted to \$9,122.05, or about one-third of the total expense for school nurses for the same period, he pointed out.

Many Defectives Found.

Doctor Moxey asserted that 15 per cent. of the school children examined were backward in their studies and that 3 per cent. were mentally defective or feeble-minded. The principal defects in the pupils were: Teeth, 35 per cent.; nose and throat, 25; eyes, 18, and skin diseases, 12. Out of the 142,536 children examined last year, 162 were defective mentally, and out of 98,502 inspected in 1913 188 were similarly affected. He attributed the increase this year to better facilities for conducting mental tests.

Doctor Moxey said that from January to June nurses made 12,148 visits to schools in Philadelphia and that they treated 110,000 children in that period. The nurses made 9,046 visits to the homes of parents and took or sent 11,154 children to hospitals or dispensaries for treatment. In addition the nurses held 3,421 consultations in schools and 182,483 at the homes of the pupils.

Button Strike at Wilkes-Barre.

Wilkes-Barre.—Twelve hundred mine workers employed at the South Wilkes-Barre colliery of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Company are out on strike.

Refusal of 15 men to join the union and wear the button that indicates payment of dues is the cause of the strike. Conditions complained of by union men at this mine are general in the workings of the same company, and the General Grievance Committee is to hold a session soon, from which a general strike may result.

This is the first button strike in this district since the annual convention in July. At that time the practice of men leaving work under such conditions was condemned. In this case the Button Committee put forth every effort to hold the men in line, but were unable to do so.

Chester Entertains Firemen.

Chester.—The 34th annual convention of the State Firemen's Association brought to this city firemen from all parts of the State, and immense crowds of visitors. The problem of housing the crowds was acute. The greatest event of the annual assembly was the grand parade. No fewer than 7,500 firemen were in line, this number representing more than 100 fire companies. To this was added almost as many bands.

Site for Allentown Armory.

Allentown.—After a long struggle between those favoring and opposing such action, the City Councils voted to donate a large lot belonging to the city as the site for an armory to be erected by the State, as the home of the two Allentown companies of the Fourth Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania.

Dies at the "Movies."

Allentown.—When the two young children of Mrs. John Johnson, of Hokendauqua, who she had taken to a moving picture show in Catawauqua, tried to awaken their mother, who had apparently fallen asleep, they became alarmed at her lack of response. The discovery was then made that Mrs. Johnson was dead. She had gone into the theatre only ten minutes before, and she passed into death from heart trouble, so calmly that those near her thought she had fallen asleep. She was a native of Lebanon.