

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.

The Bryn Mawr Building and Loan Association has increased its stock from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company paid the State \$129,000, as State tax on loans.

Falling with a rotten 'phone pole at Mimersville Lineman James Bostic broke a leg.

Washington police learn that a long series of burglaries can be traced to an elusive woman.

Few Blair county candidates spent more than \$50 each on last week's primary campaign.

After a fourth attempt at suicide with a razor, Marcella O'Brien, of Marietta, is likely to die.

Watching a surprising home run at Sunbury, William Kline, Jr., fell from a fence and broke two bones.

City Editor Robert W. Johnson, of The Wilkes-Barre Record, has sailed for Germany.

Omar Barlup, north of Waynesboro, has a stalk of corn which he intends to place on exhibition there during the Farmers' Day fair, which measures sixteen feet in length.

Warren Daughters of the American Revolution have asked permission of the Water Supply Commission to construct a dam in the Allegheny at Warren.

Caught between the step of his engine and the door of a round-house, Levi Stepler, an old Cumberland Valley Railroad engineer, was crushed to death at Chambersburg.

Oscar Hahn, a carpenter at the new breaker being erected at Shenandoah by the Locust Mountain Coal Company was instantly killed by falling 40 feet from the top of the structure.

Edward R. Stroebe, the "wild man," who has been terrorizing residents of the Mauch Chunk for weeks, and who was captured by State Troopers, has been returned to the insane hospital at Retreat, near Wilkes-Barre.

During 1912 5,340 prisoners were committed to the Dauphin county jail, and cost the county \$23,077.47, an increase of \$281.72 over the preceding year, when 750 less prisoners were committed.

Commissioner of Labor and Industry John Price Jackson has detailed Al R. Rouck, the new chief of the Bureau of Statistics, to represent the department at the New York sessions of the National Surety Council. This is Mr. Rouck's first official duty.

William A. Tattersall, Jr., of Wilkes-Barre, who is serving his second enlistment in the United States navy, was lately promoted to chief electrician. It is quite an honor for electrician. He saw sea service on some of the cruisers and battleships as an electrician and wireless operator and during the past year has been located at the Portsmouth (N. H.) navy yard.

After not seeing or hearing of one another for 13 years, Mrs. William Hughes, of Old Forge, and Mrs. Mary Graham Jones, sisters, were reunited a few days ago and are now living together for life, they say. Though living within half a dozen miles of each other for years, the sisters were ignorant of each other's presence in that part of the State. A friend who knew them years ago arranged the meeting.

J. Hoopes Matlack, of West Chester, says: "In the directory published by E. F. James, of West Chester, in 1857, when the population was 5,000, there are only about a dozen names of persons living or residing here now. I was one of them, as I came to West Chester in 1854 and clerked in the book store of the late George F. Worrall, which was located on West Gay street, between Church and Gay streets. He's gone, but I'm here."

A cherry tree in the yard of Stewart Fabel, of Stroudsburg, is in full blossom. Mr. Fabel picked several clusters of blossoms, which were nicely filled out and apparently of the same quality as those found in springtime.

The deep well near Bradford has been drilled to 5,700 feet, and work on it is still in progress. The formation in which it is now drilling is a black sandy lime, very hard, supposed to be between the red and white Medina.

TRAIN HELD UP BY BOY BANDITS

Daring Robbery Successfully Accomplished in Alabama.

NINE FORCED TO LINE UP.

In Most Approved Style the Two Youths Stopped the Express Train By Showing the Danger Signal and Awed Engineer.

Cottondale, Ala.—Two mere boys were the bandits who rifled the mail car and dynamited the express safe on Alabama Great Southern train, No. 7, near this place and escaped with a booty variously estimated at from a few hundred to fifty thousand dollars.

In the search for the bandits Deputy Sheriff James Bonner, of Birmingham, was shot and killed by a member of another posse from Montgomery, who mistook Bonner for one of the robbers. After stopping the train at Bibbville siding at 12:30 A. M. by means of a block danger signal the young bandits, with drawn revolvers, forced the engineer, fireman, express messenger and six mail clerks to leave their engine and cars and line up at the side of the track. The robbers then compelled one of the trainmen to detach the engine, express and mail cars, whereupon the bandits boarded the locomotive, and with one robber at the throttle drove the front part of the train several miles down the track, where the express safe was blown to bits with dynamite and the registered mail pouches were rifled.

The robbers then threw open the throttle of the engine, leaped to the ground and escaped with their booty into the swamps, while the runaway engine and express and mail cars dashed on down to the track through several towns, until the steam in the engine was exhausted and the runaway train came to a stop at Englewood, Ala.

Trainmen who witnessed the hold-up said they believed the robbers were well paid for their daring.

One of the trainmen told the following story of the hold-up:

"The train was stopped by means of a danger block system, which had been tied so that the red danger signal faced the train. As soon as Engineer Daniels saw the signal he stopped the train, only to be confronted with a brace of revolvers in the hands of an 18-year-old boy. He was made to leave the train with his fireman.

"L. Pool, the express messenger, was eating his lunch at the time the two robbers entered his car. The messenger said to them: 'Go away from here or I will throw this hot coffee on you.' As he made a motion to carry out his threat a bullet fanned his cheek so closely that he fell to the floor under the impression that he had been shot. Six mail clerks were made to leave their coach and stand on the right of way with their hands up. Then the bandits forced the porter to cut the two front coaches and engine from the sleepers. The front section pulled away from the other section with one of the bandits at the throttle. Conductor Cook already had gone through the sleeper locking the doors, arousing the passengers and advising them to hide their valuables. With the throttle wide open the runaway train passed station after station until it stopped at Englewood, when the engine went dead."

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GIVES LIFE FOR CHILDREN.

New York Official Checks Runaway Horse, But Is Killed.

New York—Edward Scully, a superintendent in the Street Cleaning Department, sacrificed his life to save a crowd of school children from a runaway horse. The horse, driven by a truck, was headed toward a corner in Brooklyn occupied by two public schools. On the sidewalk were some 300 children. Scully dashed out of his office, seized the bridle and turned the animal into the curb. Although he had checked the runaway he was carried under the horse's hoofs and instantly killed.

ULTIMATUM TO CHINA.

Given Three Days To Comply With the Japanese Demands.

London.—A dispatch to a news agency from Shanghai says the Japanese minister has presented China with an ultimatum which gives China three days to comply with Japan's demands for satisfaction for the recent attacks on Japanese in Nanking. The correspondent says it is believed China will find it impossible to concede Japan's terms. He adds that the nature of the action contemplated by Japan in case her demands are not fulfilled has not been disclosed.

\$1,000,000 MANSION BURNED.

"Arson Squad" Of Militants Scatters Much Literature.

Liverpool.—Militant suffragettes set fire to Seaford House at Seaford, four miles northwest of Liverpool, causing \$400,000 damage. The members of the " arson squad" left a quantity of suffrage literature strewn about the lawns. The building was formerly used as a convent and was undergoing reconstruction at a cost of \$130,000.

MYSTERY OF THE CORN FIELD



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GIRLS NEEDED ON THE FARM

Vigorous Plea Made at the National Congress.

WHY THE BOYS DO NOT STAY

Secretary Of Agriculture Of Ohio Says Poor Cooking Is Sending More Men To Hades Than The Saloons.

Piano, Ill.—A resolution demanding an amendment of the federal banking laws providing for the establishment of rural banks which will have funds that may be loaned farmers for long periods at a nominal rate of interest was adopted today by the resolutions committee of the Farmers' National Congress in session here.

The resolution was drafted by a subcommittee composed of H. E. Stockbridge, of Georgia; Frank G. Odell, of Nebraska, and Mrs. Marshall Hoyt, of California.

Another resolution rebuked the banking interests "which seek to fasten their own rural credit system on the people." The centralization of banking power was also assailed. The discussions were greatly enlivened by an address of A. P. Sendell, Secretary of Agriculture for Ohio, who declared that "the cultivation of woman is a bigger job today than the making of poor ground yield."

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FOR OPEN-AIR SCHOOLS.

Tubercular Pupils May Be Segregated In Washington.

Washington.—Removal from public schools of pupils infected with tuberculosis of communicable form has been recommended by the District Health Department, with the approval of the Board of Education. Open-air schools for tubercular students probably will be created.

VIRGINIAN HEADS P. O. S. OF A.

J. W. Alexander Elected Commander-In-Chief Of Order.

Trenton, N. J.—Election of officers and the selection of Brooklyn as the next place of meeting featured the twenty-third annual convention of the Commandery General of Patriot Order Sons of America here. J. W. Alexander, of Oak Grove, Va., was unopposed for commander-in-chief, as was Charles H. Davis, of Philadelphia, for senior vice-commander-in-chief.

BIG WRECK DUE TO MAN FAILURE

New Haven Scored by Interstate Commerce Commission.

NEGLIGENCE ALL ALONG I.N.E.

Wallingford Accident Was Directly Due To Failure Of Flagman, Enginemen and Conductor To Obey Rules.

Washington.—"Man failure" all along the line, from officials and directors of the New Haven Railroad down to its trainmen, is held by the Interstate Commerce Commission to have been the cause of the Wallingford wreck September 2, in which 21 were killed and 35 injured. In its report just made public the commission blames the crews of the wrecked trains for lapses and scores officers and directors for "inefficiency of management."

Operating officials of the New Haven and the officers and directors of the system are grilled scathingly for promulgation of regulations that were permitted to become practically "dead letters" and for not seeing to it personally that operating conditions were what they had directed them to be.

"Man failure in this case," says Commissioner McChord, who prepared the report after an exhaustive personal investigation of the accident, "began high up in official authority and it was not an unnatural sequence that it reached down to those in positions lower in official rank, but still weighted with great responsibility."

Demands Adequate System.

In use at the time of the disaster, the report points out, were antiquated signals condemned by the locomotive enginemen as well as by the Public Service Commission of Connecticut, and old wooden cars, unsuited by construction for such traffic as they were expected to accommodate. These were held to be contributory reasons for the excessive number of casualties. Commissioner McChord indicates the results of a similar recent accident at Tyrone, Pa., in which the equipment was all-steel, and in which none of the passengers was killed as an object lesson in favor of the use of modern equipment.

The commission demands of the New Haven road the immediate adoption "of an adequate system of superintendence and supervision which will give those in authority definite and positive information as to whether or not the safety requirements and rules of this railroad are observed."

FATALLY SHOOTS FIANCEE.

Young Man Says He Didn't Know Rifle Was Loaded.

Redding, Conn.—Marguerite Gilbert, 17 years old, daughter of a wealthy farmer, was shot and fatally wounded shortly after midnight by John Todd, her fiancee. Todd declares he pointed a rifle at her as a joke and pulled the trigger, not knowing it was loaded.

OFFICIALS IN WRECK.

Four Prominent Railroad Men Are Seriously Injured At Indiana, Pa.

Indiana, Pa.—Four prominent officials of the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railroad were seriously injured near here when a passenger train sideswiped a freight train in the Creek Side yards. Five other persons were hurt, but not seriously.

SPAIN IN PANAMA EXPOSITION.

Decides To Participate and Will Name Commissioner.

San Francisco.—Spain officially has decided to participate in the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in 1915. President Moore received this cablegram from Former Mayor James D. Phelan, who was appointed by President Wilson as special commissioner for the exposition: "Spain decided to accept. Will appoint commissioner."

A CLOSE WATCH KEPT ON MEXICO

President Must Be Assured Election Will Be Constitutional.

HUERTA'S DECISION PLEASES

His Withdrawal Regarded As Due To Lind's Suggestion. Gamboa's Election Doubtful.

Washington, Sept. 25.—President Wilson has taken the position that the policy of moral suasion adopted by the United States toward Mexico had accomplished its two cardinal purposes, "to obtain assurances that there would be a constitutional election and that Provisional President Huerta would not be a candidate to succeed himself."

Advices received here describing in detail the preparations being made for the election of October 26 and stating also that General Huerta would not be a candidate, but would support Federico Gamboa, Mexican Minister of Foreign Affairs, the nominee of the Catholic party, encouraged President Wilson and Secretary Bryan to believe that the Huerta government was carrying out what the United States had emphasized in the Lind negotiations as the essential features of a satisfactory settlement of the revolutionary troubles.

The President realizes that it will not be immediately possible to judge whether the processes of the election are actually constitutional, and will withhold decision for some time as to whether the choice of that election will be recognized by the United States.

The likelihood that foreign Governments will await the judgment of the United States before extending recognition is being impressed upon the Mexican authorities. It is said, with a view to insuring free choice. However, doubt as to the value of the coming election as expressing the will of the Mexican people was cast by constitutional headquarters here in the issuance of a statement saying its supporters, extending over many Mexican States, would not go to the polls.

Many persons, familiar with the purposes of the Administration here, predicted that the next step in the policy of the United States would be an effort to show indirectly to the constitutionalists the necessity of participating in the election.

Administration officials let it be known that the United States was not concerned with the personnel of the candidates beyond its opposition to General Huerta's continuation in power—a position justified in their minds because of his irregular assumption of authority and overthrow of Madero. This attitude was declared necessary to further the cause of stable government in Latin-America.

A feeling of relief that the situation was adjusting itself is apparent here. From high Administration officials came the statement that, while no change in orders had been sent to consuls about Americans leaving Mexico, the disposition of President Wilson always had been to leave the question entirely to the discretion of the Americans in Mexico, still urging those in the trouble zones to depart and offering them pecuniary assistance.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS.

Byron R. Newton, Assistant Secretary Of The Treasury.

Washington.—President Wilson made these nominations:

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Byron R. Newton, of New York.

John A. Thornton, postmaster, Philadelphia.

Assistant Appraiser of Merchandise, district of New York, Christopher C. Keenan, of New York.

Byron R. Newton is a former newspaper man, now private secretary to Secretary McAdoo. As assistant secretary of the Treasury he will have direct charge of the revenue cutter service, public buildings, internal revenue and miscellaneous bureaus of the department.

SHAFT ON HISTORIC SPOT.

That Marking Place Washington Crossed Delaware Dedicated.

Trenton, N. J.—A monument at Washington's Crossing, N. J., marking the spot where George Washington crossed the Delaware River in 1776, was dedicated by delegates to the National Camp Patriotic Order Sons of America. The organization held a two-day biennial convention here with more than 300 delegates in attendance. Fred A. Pape, of Somersville, N. J., national president, presided at the opening meeting.

SAUERKRAUT GOES SOARING.

Cabbage Advances to \$17 a Ton, An Unprecedented Price.

Fremont, Ohio.—Kraut cabbages reached the unprecedented price of \$17 a ton here. Kraut makers in this city, which is the centre of the American kraut industry, had hard work getting material at that price and several suits have been instituted against growers who contracted to sell their cabbage at a low figure and now refuse to deliver at the contract price.

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