

## 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.

Little Alden Akins was crushed under a collapsing pile of lumber in Conshohocken.

Thieves "cleaned out" the chicken house of John Douglass, of Conshohocken, of 50 chickens.

Inability to procure sufficient good help is retarding the construction of Pottstown's new sewer system.

Matthew Robinson, an aged resident of Conshohocken, died of gangrene, developed from a slight scratch.

Charles Carsaguo and J. Narducci were arrested in Norristown, charged with illegal liquor selling at their homes.

On a 'coon-hunting trip the automobile of Samuel Roberts, of Norristown, was destroyed by fire. The loss is \$1,000.

Walter Washington was arrested in Norristown for having robbed Frank Burns, an Upper Merion farm hand, of \$12.

Stricken with paralysis as she was about to take a walk, Mrs. Emily M. Krause, a well-known Pottstown woman, died in a few hours.

At a dinner given in Pottstown to 25 of his friends by Recorder of Deeds T. Darlington Buckwater, the chief dish was West Virginia raccoon.

While stabling a bull William Henry Carver, of Buckingham, was knocked down and three ribs were fractured.

Rocco Tassone and James Greese have been arrested in the mountains of West Virginia for the murder of Tony Collato, near Lancaster.

Although S. G. Eby, of Weatherly, has been re-elected school director, he cannot serve, as he was one of the judges of election in his town.

When a train struck their rig, Robert Whitmire, aged 65, was instantly killed and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shoup and their 10-months-old child perhaps fatally hurt, at Onedia.

The body of 15 year old James Horne, of Neelyton, Huntingdon County, was found in the woods near home, accidentally shot to death by his own rifle.

Getting its head into a bin where chicken feed was kept, a valuable pony belonging to William L. Randall, of Doylestown, ate so much that it died.

Business is brisk in the Panther Creek Valley, and the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company's last two weeks' pay to employes was the largest ever for two weeks.

At Myerstown in a collision of an automobile and a team here recently, Mrs. N. Gross, wife of a Harrisburg merchant, was seriously injured, glass from a shattered wind-shield piercing her left eye.

A Reading hospital is giving Pasteur treatment to Elmer McCoy, William Ebling, Emerson Musser and Leroy H. Price, all of whom were bitten by mad dogs.

Moreland township residents testified at Norristown that two new county bridges, costing about \$4,000, were necessary over the Pennypack Creek, near Heaton station.

Parryville Health Board has been dissolved by the State Health Department because it held no meeting last year and a smallpox epidemic has broken out.

Because he failed to diagnose them as smallpox cases at the outset, Dr. W. C. Sittler, Mahoning, has appealed his arrest by the State Health authorities for failure to report the outbreak.

Acting as a peacemaker in a quarrel between countrymen, Cimlo C. Dimoto, of Pottstown, received a stiletto stab near the heart, and Nunzio Dimoto, his alleged assailant, was locked up.

Five cents each was offered Sunbury dealers for eggs by New York merchants.

Accidentally shot by a hunter at Tuckahoe, Russell Brosius, 14, was rushed to a Harrisburg hospital in an effort to save his sight.

When her clothing caught fire after she had lighted a match to hunt her engagement ring, Miss Della Seasholtz, 18, was probably fatally and her mother seriously, burned at Sunbury.

## MOST EXPENSIVE OF ALL DINNERS

Thanksgiving Day Has Become a High Priced Holiday.

### MEALS NEVER SO COSTLY.

Not in 25 Years Has the Average American Been Obligated To Expend So Much For His Stomach.

Washington.—Thanksgiving dinner was the most expensive meal the average American has eaten during the last 25 years. It cost from 35 to 100 per cent. more than it did 10 years ago, and from 15 to 50 per cent. more than many Thanksgiving Days during the last six years, according to recently gathered government statistics.

Thousands of turkeys spoiled by having been shipped to market during the unseasonably warm week which overspread the country a week ago; the drouth of last summer which shortened crop yields, particularly white potatoes; an alleged cold-storage combination, which Attorney General McReynolds now is investigating to find if millions of dozens of eggs and millions of pounds of dairy products have been withheld from the market by middlemen to force high prices, and the steady soaring of prices generally during the last decade are among the contributing causes to which economists point.

The great American hen, however, is somewhat responsible for the extraordinarily high price of eggs, according to Department of Agriculture officials, who are reluctant to place all the blame upon cold storage. Heat and drouth of the last summer, they say, caused the hens to stop laying sooner than usual. As to turkey, the rise in price seems to have extended all along the route to the consumer, beginning at the barnyard, where the farmer received an average of 15 cents a pound for his birds, about half a cent more than he got last year. But turkey is not a Thanksgiving bird at all, according to the experts.

"The Lord never intended turkey to be the Thanksgiving food of the country generally," says Dr. Mary E. Pennington, the expert in food research in the Federal Bureau of Chemistry. "Christmas is the time for turkey. Green goose is the Thanksgiving bird, and is generally used in Europe, where St. Martin's Day is celebrated about this time of the year. In colonial days in New England, where the winter season sets in early, it was different and more favorable to turkeys, but such conditions do not prevail over the United States as a whole."

### ASKS \$306,000,000 FOR MAELS.

Burleson's Estimate For Next Year Largest in History.

Washington.—Estimates totaling \$306,000,000 for the postal service for the next fiscal year have been submitted by Postmaster-General Burleson to Congress. This total, if embodied as framed in accordance with the growth of the Postoffice Department, would make the greatest appropriation ever made in a single appropriation measure. Hearings on the administrative provisions of the bill, together with bills recently introduced by Chairman Moon, of the House Committee on Postoffice, regarding parcel post, indemnification, extension of money order paying business in every postoffice and other matters will be held by the committee this week. The estimates contemplate a substantial extension of the parcel post service, which branch is credited with a large part of the surplus of \$4,500,000 earned by the postal service for the fiscal year just closed. One-cent postage promises to be one of the live issues to be fought out in the regular session of Congress.

### BLOW UP TROOP TRAIN.

Mexican Rebels Kill Three Hundred Federal Soldiers.

Mexico City.—A troop train carrying 300 Federals was blown up by dynamite near Laventura, on the National Railway, south of Saltillo. The rebels are said to have shot and killed every one of the soldiers who escaped the explosion. About 100 women, known as soldaderas, who were on the train, were also killed, as were several children.

### TRANSPORT PRAIRIE SAILS.

Orders Naming Pensacola May Be Changed By Wireless.

Philadelphia.—With 800 marines and a full crew on board, the transport Prairie left the Philadelphia Navy Yard at 1 o'clock Thursday for Southern waters. The transport carries stores and ammunition for a three months' cruise. The marines are commanded by Col. J. A. Lejeune.

### UPSIDE DOWN WITH PASSENGER.

Garros Accomplishes This Feat First Time in Monoplane.

Villacoublay, France.—Roland G. Garros accomplished for the first time in a monoplane a flight head downward carrying a passenger. During the maneuver the machine made several loops.

## NOW, WHO'S THE JOKE ON?



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## GROSS ATLANTIC IN AEROPLANE

Arrangements Being Made in London and New York.

### PLANNED BY GLEN CURTIS.

To Be An Anglo-American Venture and Financed By a Prominent New York Sportman—To Start In August.

Paris.—Preparations are being made in London and New York for an aeroplane flight across the Atlantic Ocean, to take place next August. The project is being planned by Glenn Curtis, the American aviator; John Dale Cooper, one of his chief assistants, and an Englishman, whose identity has not been made known, but who is said to be a leading British aviator. A prominent New York financier and sportsman is furnishing the financial backing.

The plans in their present stage call for a flight from the Newfoundland Coast to the Irish Coast. The machine decided upon is a hydro-aeroplane, which has been designed, but not as yet constructed. This machine will embody both American and English ideas and the flight in every sense will be an Anglo-American venture. It was said that when the attempt is made Americans and British warships will line the route to be taken to aid the aviators in case the flight is not successful.

Fuel sufficient to last 36 hours will be carried and it is planned to complete the flight in this time. The machine is expected to average between 65 and 70 miles an hour. The chief plans for the undertaking have fallen upon Mr. Curtis, who has made a thorough examination of the conditions and he is confident that the trans-Atlantic flight will be made within the next 12 months. He has looked up the weather records for the past 20 years and found August to be the most favorable month from a meteorological standpoint.

### WILSON FINISHES MESSAGE.

Just When He Will Read It Depends On Circumstances.

Washington.—President Wilson's annual message, which he will read to Congress is finished, but just when it will be delivered will depend upon the convenience of both houses in arranging a joint session. Hitherto, the President's message has been read the day after the convening of Congress. It is expected that the President will dwell considerably on the need for early action on the Currency bill and that he will develop, in a general way, the attitude of the Administration toward trust legislation, leaving to the Congressional committees the task of writing specific remedies. He also will refer to the Mexican situation.

### MUST SHOW PROPAGANDA COSTS.

Massachusetts Public Service Corporations So Ordered.

Boston.—Quarterly statements showing the amounts paid to attorneys, legislative agents, newspaper writers and advertising agencies must be submitted to the Public Service Commission by all corporations under its jurisdiction. An order to this effect was adopted at an executive session of the commission. More than 150 corporations are affected, including all steam and electric railways and telephone and telegraph companies.

### MRS. GAY'S SLAYER TO HANG.

Lawyers Will Appeal On Temporary Insanity Plea.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Burr Harris, the young negro convicted 10 days ago of murdering Mrs. Rebecca P. Gay, the Christian Science practitioner, who was beaten to death September 26, was sentenced to be hanged on a date yet to be set. Harris' attorney filed notice of appeal. Harris admitted the crime when captured and pleaded temporary insanity at his trial.

## TO INVESTIGATE COST OF MEATS

Living Problems Receives Attention of Congress.

### BEING SOLVED BY THE NAVY.

To Limit Holding Of Food In Cold Storage To Ninety Days—Independent Action By Department Of Justice.

Washington.—Another Federal investigation into the high cost of living, promising criminal prosecutions if Attorney General McReynolds can find an alleged cold storage conspiracy, is under way and a congressional investigation of a different phase of the cost of living problem was threatened.

While special agents of the Department of Justice are sifting charges that eggs, poultry and dairy products are being piled up in cold storage to maintain high prices and even force them higher, Representative Britten, of Illinois, is preparing to ask for a congressional investigation into the prices of meat.

The proposal for a meat investigation was prompted by announcement that the Navy had bought nearly 300,000 pounds of Australian fresh beef at a half a cent a pound lower than the best prices of American packers, and 120,000 pounds of canned corned beef from the Australian packers at eight cents a pound cheaper than the lowest price in the United States. The price paid was 11.90 cents a pound for the fresh beef and 15.37 cents for the corned product.

Announcing his intention to ask for a congressional investigation of the Navy's beef contract, Congressman Britten declared he wanted to develop why the public could not benefit by the advantage of buying from Australia if the Navy could do so.

Representative McKellar, of Tennessee, has pending in the House a bill to prohibit interstate transportation of any food products kept in cold storage more than 90 days. He contends its enactment into law would go far toward solving the cold storage question.

Agents of the Department of Justice took up their work in all the principal cities. They will report particularly on eggs and dairy products, and will attempt to make an estimate of the quantities in cold storage and how long they have been there.

### BLEASE PARDONS 100.

Wants Convicts To Eat Thanksgiving Dinners At Home.

Columbia, S. C.—Governor Blease pardoned 100 convicts Monday. Twenty-eight of them were serving life terms for murder and 28 for manslaughter.

"I want 'em to eat Thanksgiving dinner at home," Blease said. The 100 pardons brings Blease's clemency record since he assumed the governorship, in 1911, up to 882 cases. Governor Blease will make his total 1,000 in Christmas gifts of pardons.

### FINALLY CATCH ZELAYA.

Detectives Arrest Former President Of Nicaragua.

New York.—Ex-President Zelaya, deposed dictator of Nicaragua who was wanted by the Department of Justice for the murder of Leonard Groce and Leroy Cannon, Americans, in Nicaragua during his regime, was arrested shortly before midnight. He was taken into custody in the Halworth apartment at Ninety-second street and West End avenue. Zelaya was locked up in the Greenwich Street Station.

### HEAD OF POLICE RESIGNS.

Action Follows Exoneration Of 30 Policemen From Charges.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Superintendent of Police Martin J. Hyland resigned when the Board of Public Works exonerated the 30 patrolmen whom Hyland had charged with insubordination for failure to ride on street cars during the recent street car strike. Capt. George V. Coffin was named acting superintendent of police by Mayor Shank.

### SHE PREFERS JAIL TO FINE.

Forbes Robertson's Sister, Militant, Smashed Window.

Birmingham, England.—Miss Forbes Robertson, sister of Sir Johnston Forbes Robertson, the actor-manager, was sentenced at the sessions here to a fortnight's imprisonment for smashing a window on the occasion of Premier Asquith's visit to Birmingham in July. The judge offered the defendant the alternative of a fine, but she declined to pay.

### T. M. EMERSON DEAD.

Atlantic Coast Line Head Passes Away At Wilmington, N. C.

Wilmington, N. C.—President Thos. M. Emerson, of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, died at his home at Carolina Heights, a suburb, following an attack of acute indigestion which he suffered at Dupont, Ga., while on a tour of inspection of the system with other officials of the road.

## RAILROAD MEN DISCUSS MERGER

Labor Leaders Address Meetings Held Throughout State

### SIX TO COMBINE IN ONE

Workers Seeking Combination Into Single Organization Include Shopmen, Clerks and Attaches of Railway Service.

(Special Harrisburg Correspondence.) Harrisburg.—Plans to combine the six leading railroad employes' organizations not affiliated with the Brotherhoods of Railway Trainmen, Locomotive Engineers, Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, and the orders of railway conductors and telegraphers, were outlined by labor leaders at mass meetings in various parts of the State. The workers seeking combination into one organization include shopmen, clerks and other attaches of railroad service not admitted to the organizations mentioned. The matter of consolidation has been discussed for some time, and received added impetus, although no definite action was taken.

The Brotherhood of Federated Railway Employes has been recruiting members in various parts of the State for the last month, especially on the Pennsylvania Railroad system. About 80 per cent. of shopmen and other employes of this city not affiliated with other organizations have enrolled. It may be that the name of this brotherhood will be adopted by the confederated orders, should consolidation be effected.

### Would Be More Effective.

The question of consolidation was presented to the employes of this city by M. C. McDevitt, organizer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, of Philadelphia. He urged the amalgamation, saying that the needs of the men could be more effectively cared for if they were combined under one charter.

At a meeting here it was pointed out by shopmen that the Pennsylvania Railroad has recently laid off about 100 shopmen, and this was considered significant in view of the new combination plans. The men declared it was evidently the intention of the company to discourage any such move, but McDevitt replied that the company had evidently cut down in line with its annual retrenchment plans.

At Sunbury, men employed on five divisions of the Pennsylvania system discussed the proposition of a merger of all brotherhoods into one organization. No definite action was taken.

### Unification Is Doubtful.

It was said after the meeting by a leader of the workers here that the unification of all the railroad organizations was unlikely. He gave it as his opinion that such action would have a tendency toward weakening labor organizations. He said, however, that there is a movement on foot to organize the Brotherhoods of Locomotive Engineers, Trainmen, Conductors and Firemen. This, he said, would likely come to pass.

At Altoona, W. H. Pierce, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Employes, asked more than 500 shopmen if they wished to affiliate with "a union controlled by the officials or to retain the union over which they exercise control. They decided unanimously that they preferred the union which they control.

The meeting was held in the headquarters of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers. Pierce told the shopmen that he was being trailed by Pennsylvania Railroad police.

"It costs the company \$3,000,000 a year to maintain policemen," he said, "I am going to suggest to Brandels to put a stop to such a useless item of expense."

### There are more than 10,000 men employed here, all of whom are eager to join the new organization.

### Parcel Post Boosts Salaries.

Ever-increasing business of the parcel post will, within the coming year, add a number of the second-class postoffices of Pennsylvania to the first-class division. All postoffices which, because of their business, pay their postmaster \$3,000 a year or over are first-class offices. Harrisburg is a first-class postoffice and ranks fourth in the State.

Among the nearby places which may become first-class postoffices during the coming year, if the parcel post business continues are Carlisle, Milton, Shamokin, Chambersburg and Sunbury, whose postmasters now receive \$2,800 and \$2,900 a year. There are thirteen boroughs or cities in the State whose postmasters receive similar sums and which therefore have a chance of being boosted into the first-class division.

### Farmers' institutes.

Farmers' institutes, held in at least two communities in every county, under the supervision of the State Department of Agriculture, will be started this week. Dauphin and Cumberland counties will have six days of the institutes. There will also be thirty-three days of the farmers' movable schools. The first institute in Dauphin County will open at Middletown. The meetings will be held until next March 17. It is hoped that the meetings will be of benefit to the farmers.