

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.

In three months Lancaster County paid \$1,000 bounty on weasles.

Automobiles are reaping a harvest during the trolley strike that has tied up Hazleton lines.

Tamaqua's new Water Commission has appointed E. R. Reaser, superintendent.

Congressman Rothermel has recommended Claude E. Desch to be the new postmaster at Macungie.

Thirty-three foreigners were granted naturalization papers and 22 were refused by Judge Scott at Easton.

W. J. Welliver, of Klipp's Run, near Berwick, has lost his fourth cow by hydrophobia.

Altoona's Mayor has arrested eight citizens for failure to clean snow-covered sidewalks.

Catawissa Council is considering selling the municipal light plant, and bids are being received.

Arthur Jackson, newly wed, was ground to death under a Dagoba & Highland Railroad engine at Wilcox, near Kane.

Peter Medvie, a farmer near Springtown, lost two valuable horses, both of which were stricken with paralysis while being driven.

One of Easton's Revolutionary buildings, in which George Washington once slept, is to be replaced by a modern business building.

Judge Laird H. Barber served notice in court at Mauch Chunk that in applying for liquor licenses no personal interviews would be tolerated.

Former Commissioner of Highways Robert Watson has been appointed sealer of weights and measures in Chester.

Six applications for liquor licenses at Coatesville will be made in the spring: Hotel Coatesville, Hotel Grand, Speakman Hotel, Smith Brothers' Hotel and Subway House.

John B. Swartz, of Perkasie, after working three years with the Reformed Church Publication and Sunday School Board, was examined and licensed to preach.

For using the automobile of James C. Mihlizer without permission, Robert Chew, a colored chauffeur, spent several days in jail, then paid a fine of \$25 and costs, at West Chester.

Mrs. Lena John Wood, of Downingtown, has been appointed as typist and assistant in the office of Isaac V. Ash, the new Controller, in the Courthouse at West Chester.

S. V. Mariz, of Sunbury, a Pennsylvania Railroad flagman, was killed at Nisbet, when he slipped while attempting to board the caboose of his train.

Frank Erney and Charles Cope, farmers of Lower Saucon, near Hellertown, while returning to their homes were severely injured when their horse ran away.

Harvey Moyer, of Centre Valley, was arrested at Easton, charged with stealing a gold ring from W. H. Bowers, a civil war veteran; but he escaped at the City Hall.

The South Bethlehem School Board made arrangements to borrow \$40,000 with which to purchase land in the centre of the city for a modern high school.

Policemen B. Lucas and A. Shiner have resigned from the South Bethlehem police force to accept positions in the Police Department of the Lehigh coke plant, near Hellertown.

Judge Groman in the Allentown Court introduced an innovation by appointing T. Frank Lynn as permanent assistant tipstaff and F. B. Miller as permanent attendant on the Grand Jury.

The Eureka Athletic Club, of Easton, presented a silver loving cup to Dewey Ettinger, of Bangor, in recognition of his services as football coach.

The banner for the largest attendance of subordinate granges was awarded to Valley Grange, at the meeting of Pomona Grange, Columbia County, in Millville.

Mayor James G. Harvey has recommended to Council that Hazleton doctors be permitted to exceed the automobile speed limit at their own discretion.

JAPANESE ARE NOW ON GUARD

Landed From Cruiser to Protect the Legation.

SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT MOVES

Reported That the Mexican Rebels' Attack Upon Tampico Is About To Be Renewed—A Great Battle Also Expected At Mazatlan.

Washington.—The Japanese have landed an armed guard from their battle cruiser Izuma for the protection of the Mikado's legation at Mexico City. Confirmation of this information sent out as a "report" was obtained at the Navy Department. This government has been advised of the step by Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy, but no explanation has been offered by the Japanese government either directly or through the Japanese ambassador at Washington.

The incident is known to be the cause of anxiety to the State, War and Navy departments, the three great branches of the government which must bear the brunt of our relations with Mexico as well as with the foreign powers, whose interests are involved.

Whether or not the developments of the day are predicted upon this secret move they are both interesting and significant.

Plans are under way to withdraw all the marines from the Philippines and the Hawaiian Islands. The marines are to be stationed at San Diego, Cal., and Pensacola, Fla. Both points are within striking distance of Mexico.

Twelve Battleships.

Another battleship, the Georgia, has started under secret orders for Vera Cruz. This places 12 battleships of the first class and two cruisers either already in East Mexican waters or under orders for that service. The landing force from such a fleet would be approximately 6,500 marines and blue-jackets, and leave ample crews on the ships should they be called into action. Naval officers do not see any way to increase the already large force in Mexican waters except by the utilization of the reserve battleships lying at League Island.

There are 12 of these first-class battleships, which for the sake of economy are kept in reserve.

Secretary Daniels says this reserve fleet could be made ready to sail with 48 hours' notice.

At the recruiting headquarters, it is said, the Navy has succeeded in enlisting men nearly up to the limit of 51,500 men allowed by law.

GIRL RAISES \$20 TO \$50.

Does Land-Office Business in Bogus Bills in New York.

New York.—Secret service agents called on a number of leading merchants and warned them to be on the lookout for a pretty girl with a bogus \$50 bill. They exhibited samples of bills she has already passed. About \$2,000 of these bills have already been distributed. The counterfeiter has taken \$20 bills and by clever pen work raised them to \$50 bills. The work is so well done they are readily accepted by persons not on the lookout.

THIS ONE CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

Black Hander Nabbed While Taking Decoy Package.

Washington, Pa.—As he reached behind a mail box in a rolling mill here and grasped a decoy package placed there by county officers, Dominic Lombardi, a young Italian workman was arrested and hurried before a magistrate who held him in \$5,000 bail for sending Black Hand letters to James Greco, a wealthy Italian merchant and warned them to be on the county have paid toll to the Black Hand during the past few years.

STEAM VESSEL THROUGH CANAL.

Crane Boat Passes in Course of Dredging Operations.

Colon.—The first steam vessel passed through the Panama Canal Wednesday. It was the Alexander Lavalley, a crane boat, and carried no passengers. It had been operating on the Atlantic side and gradually made its way through during the course of dredging operations.

Rev. Billy Sunday Vs. Bar Tenders.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—When Rev. Billy Sunday came here recently to "clean up Pittsburgh," the Bar Tenders' union grew excited and offered \$5,000 for the privilege of having its business secretary debate with the evangelist on the question: "Who is getting the coin—Billy Sunday or us?"

WANTED DOG BURIED WITH HER.

Woman Took Poison and Left a Note About Pet—Will Recover.

Portland, Me.—A note directing that the body of her pet dog should not be touched until the arrival of an undertaker, because she wished it buried with her, was discovered in the home of Mrs. Eunice E. Dodge after she had been found partially overcome by chloroform fumes. Mrs. Dodge, who is the widow of Dr. Rudolph L. Dodge, will recover.



Eggs Were Used as Currency in a Western Town Recently.—News Item. (Copyright.)

MORE MARINES TO THE WARSHIPS

Numbers Doubled on War Vessels Off Mexico.

MR. DANIELS EXPLAINS MOVE

Both Federals and Rebels Preparing For a Series of General Engagements All Along the Border As Far East as Tampico.

Washington.—Four hundred marines now in the Panama Canal zone were ordered to join the American warships off the east coast of Mexico. This virtually will double the marine guard aboard the vessels, their force now numbering less than 450 officers and men.

In making public this order Secretary Daniels explained that the transfer was to be made for the benefit of the health of the men, who have been in the Isthmus for many months and whose duty there ended when the War Department recently sent regular troops to permanently garrison the canal zone. He said the action did not result from any conference between himself and Secretary Garrison, nor from any suggestion or hint from President Wilson, and that it could not be connected in any way with the recent visit of John Lind to Gulfport.

This official statement was issued: "The recent approval recommendation of the general board for redistribution of marines provided for the withdrawal of the marine detachment on the Isthmus of Panama in order to unite with some of the larger commands. Recent reports of the unhealthful conditions under which this detachment is operating have led the department to decide upon their immediate withdrawal and accordingly the Minnesota will be intercepted on her passage to Mexico with instructions to proceed to Cristobal and bring north the marines now stationed there, amounting to a force of approximately 400 officers and men. These marines will temporarily be distributed among the ships at Vera Cruz, to which port the Minnesota was en route."

Reports to the State Department indicate that the contending factions in Mexico appear to be taking a breathing spell in preparation for a series of general engagements all along the border and as far east as Tampico on the Gulf, which are expected to decide the control of Northern Mexico. None of the latest reports told of fresh battles and in the opinion of the army experts here the federals at Ojinaga and Nuevo Laredo and Tampico are busy with pick and shovel, strengthening their defenses, while the constitutionalists are waiting for ammunition and reforming their lines for another attack.

MR. AND MRS. SAYRE IN PARIS.

They Are the Guests of Ambassador and Mrs. Herrick.

Paris.—Mr. and Mrs. Francis Dowses Sayre, who have been the guests of Walter H. Page, the American Ambassador in London and Mrs. Page, arrived here Thursday. They drove to the American Embassy, where they will be the guests of Ambassador and Mrs. Myron T. Herrick. The first reception of the season was in progress at the embassy when they arrived, but Mr. and Mrs. Sayre decided to forego the pleasure of meeting the large company of diplomats and Americans present. It is understood they will remain in Paris until January 20.

MURDERS A DEPUTY SHERIFF.

Deckhand on Steamer Berkshire Is Arrested in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia.—When the steamship Berkshire, from Jacksonville and Savannah, arrived here, Benjamin Pope, a negro deckhand, was arrested on suspicion in connection with the murder of Peter A. Johnson, a deputy sheriff of Jacksonville. The arrest was made by request of Florida authorities, who asked for the apprehension of Oscar Harris, alias Dugger Harris.

—EGGS—

MONUMENT FOR GEN. JACKSON

Nashville Would Honor the Hero of New Orleans.

THE BATTLE 99 YEARS AGO.

At Banquet Held in Tennessee City Movement Was Started To Build a Million-Dollar Memorial.

Nashville, Tenn.—A movement to build a million-dollar monument in Nashville to the memory of General Andrew Jackson, hero of the Battle of New Orleans and seventh President of the United States, was launched at a banquet here, at daybreak, 99 years ago, General Jackson and his troops defeated one of the most highly disciplined forces that England ever sent out.

President Wilson has indicated that he would accept the honorary presidency of the memorial association provided no appropriation is asked of Congress.

NO SUGAR COMPROMISE.

Trial Of Trust Dissolution Suit To Be Resumed.

New York.—If there were ever any negotiations between the Department of Justice and the American Sugar Refining Company, as rumored, for a compromise in the government suit to dissolve the company as an illegal combination, they appear to have failed. "I have no negotiations on with the Attorney General," said James M. Beck, general counsel for the corporation. "We expect to resume taking testimony in the action at an early date."

PREPARING TO RECEIVE EARL.

Official Washington To Give Him a Warm Welcome.

Washington.—Elaborate plans are being made for the entertainment of the Earl of Kintora, chairman of the Anglo-American Peace Celebration. On Thursday the Earl will be the guest of the British Ambassador at luncheon. In the evening he will be the guest of honor at a dinner attended by representative men in the business and official life of Washington. On Friday evening the Secretary of State and Mrs. Bryan will receive in his honor at the Pan-American Union Building.

DREW SLIPS FOR FORTUNE.

Springfield (Ohio) Heirs Split \$4,000,000 Estate That Way.

Springfield, Ohio.—Drawing numbered slips out of a box was the method used to divide the \$4,000,000 estate of the late Ross P. Mitchell, real estate owner, among his three daughters. The heirs could not agree on a division, so appraisers numbered the property and the drawing was made.

Biography Of Great Evangelist.

Winona Lake, Ind.—While Rev. Billy Sunday, the noted evangelist, was resting here recently, after a strenuous campaign in Johnston, Pa., he received word that the new biography, "The Spectacular Career of Rev. Billy Sunday," was off the press. It is the work of T. T. Frankenberg and the evangelist says it is a truthful account of his life.

THAW HEARINGS END.

Commission To Report On His Sanity In Few Days.

Concord, N. H.—Hearings before the commission appointed by the United States Court to determine whether the release of Harry K. Thaw on bail would endanger public safety, were concluded here, and three members of the commission went to Boston to consult their colleagues. It is expected that the findings of the commission will be filed with Federal Judge Aldrich within a few days.

GEN. VILLA'S BIG VICTORY

Gen. Mercado Surrenders to U. S. Army Officers.

SEVERE BLOW DEALT HUERTA

The Federals Forced To Yield Because Of Lack of Ammunition—Most Of Federals On the American Side.

Presidio, Texas.—The Mexican federal army, with its nine generals, evacuated Ojinaga, Mexico, after six hours of fighting. The triumphant rebel forces under General Francisco Villa immediately occupied the town.

General Salvador Mercado, who was Huerta's chief military commander, crossed the river and surrendered to Major McNamee, of the United States Army.

It was impossible for Major McNamee to learn what had become of the federals, whether the bulk of them had taken refuge on this side or whether they scattered to points in Mexico. The country about Ojinaga is mostly desert with little to sustain.

Later General Mercado sent over seven wagon loads of government documents under the escort of a wounded lieutenant, who also brought his personal effects.

The wagons were pulled out of the river and taken into the United States Army camp.

Fearing a Massacre.

The defeat of the federal army followed only a few hours fighting in which the rebels, beginning at sundown, started to close in on the beleaguered garrison with a cannon and rifle fire.

General Castro and General Mercado of the federal regulars saw that the assault was to be nothing less than a massacre. The federals had left only 50 rounds of ammunition for each man. Generals Castro and Mercado therefore gave the order to evacuate.

All the federal soldiers and their officers who could scramble to the American side did so. The others ran in all directions. Gen. Pascual Orozco, commander of federal volunteers, threatened with summary execution by Villa, was the first to cross. It was believed he had escaped into the mountains of Texas.

Major McNamee, commanding the United States patrol, immediately called out all the cavalrymen to meet an emergency. Women, children and wounded soldiers had been crossing in numbers, but the apparent advance of the rebels turned to the very heart of the federal garrison, gave reason to believe a greater rush across the border was imminent.

PUBLICITY LAW CONSTRUED.

Only Bona Fide Paid-For Circulation To Be Counted.

Washington.—The manner in which publishers are to arrive at the daily circulation of newspapers in order to make reports required by the Publicity Law enacted by Congress in 1912 has been set forth in an opinion rendered by Attorney-General McReynolds to Postmaster-General Burleson. The reports, according to the Attorney-General, must cover the whole bona fide paid circulation, whether sold over the counter, distributed through news agencies or disposed of in other ways. Copies actually paid for by news agents, reporting the number delivered, less the number returned unsold, are to be counted.

WOMEN TO SIT AS JUDGES.

To Hear Cases Of Girls in St. Louis Juvenile Court.

St. Louis, Mo.—Two women hereafter will act as judges in the Juvenile Court when girls are on trial. This was announced by Circuit Judge Hennings. The women designated for the work are Miss Catherine Dunn and Mrs. E. C. Runge, both attaches of the court. Judge Hennings' decision was a result of the trial of four girls who had run away from home. The girls refused to discuss the case freely in the presence of the judge.

MUNICIPAL STORE IN CHICAGO.

City Plans To Sell Necessities To the Poor At Cost.

Chicago.—A municipal "general store," at which persons with limited funds may purchase the necessities of life, probably will be established in Chicago in the near future. Council finance committee set aside \$25,000 in the city's 1914 budget for the "unemployed commission," which will have charge of the city store.

TAFT 80 POUNDS LIGHTER.

Ex-President Has Tailor "Take a Reef" in 35 Pair Of Trousers.

New Haven, Conn.—Loss of weight has compelled former President William H. Taft to have his garments modeled on less generous lines. He gave to a local journeyman tailor an order for changes to be made in 35 pairs of trousers. Professor Taft has reduced his weight 80 pounds and his waist line has contracted six inches, so that his trousers now measure only 48 inches.

COMMERCIAL

Weekly Review of Trade and Market Reports.

NEW YORK.—Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red, 99c elevator domestic and \$1.00 1/2 f o b aboat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 99 1/2 f o b aboat. Futures were quiet with a holiday trade, but prices were firm on covering and small receipts, closing 1/4 @ 1 1/2 c higher. December, 97 1/2; May, 98; July, 94 1/2.

Corn—Spot firm; new No. 3 yellow, 71 1/2 c 1 f to arrive. Butter—Steady; receipts, 5,521 tubs; creamery, 28 1/2 @ 34; seconds, 24 @ 28 1/2; creamery, held, seconds, 23 1/2 @ 27.

Eggs—Fresh gathered extras, 28c; extra firsts, 26 1/2 @ 27; firsts, 25 1/2 @ 26; seconds, 22 @ 24; refrigerator firsts, 31 @ 32; seconds, 29 1/2 @ 30 1/2; lower grades, 24 @ 25; State, Pennsylvania and nearby hennery browns, 38; do gathered browns and mixed colors, 26 @ 27.

Live Poultry—Firm; Western chickens, 14 1/2 c; fowls, 15 1/2; turkeys, 22; dressed quiet; fresh killed, Western chickens, 13 @ 23; fowls, 12 @ 18; turkeys, 18 @ 23 1/2.

PHILADELPHIA.—Wheat—Car lots, in export elevator, No. 2 red, spot and December, 93 @ 93 1/2 c; steamer, 91 @ 91 1/2; No. 3 red, 90 @ 90 1/2; rejected, "in," 87 @ 87 1/2; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 97 @ 98.

Corn—Car lots for local trade, as to location, kiln-dried, new, No. 2 yellow, 75 @ 76 c; do, steamer yellow, 74 @ 75; do, No. 3 yellow, 73 @ 73 1/2; natural, new, No. 2 yellow, 71 @ 72; do, do, steamer, yellow, 70 @ 71; do, do, No. 3 yellow, 67 @ 69; do, do, No. 4 yellow, 64 @ 66.

Oats—No. 2 white, 45 1/2 @ 46 c; standard white, 44 1/2 @ 45; No. 3 white, 44 @ 44 1/2; No. 4 white, 42 1/2 @ 43 1/2.

Butter—Western solid packed, creamery, fancy specials, 40c; extra, 36 @ 38; extra firsts, 33 @ 35; firsts 30 @ 32; seconds, 26 1/2 @ 28; nearby prints, fancy, 42; average extra, 39 @ 41; firsts, 32 @ 35; seconds, 28 @ 30; jobbing sales of fancy prints, 45 @ 48.

Eggs—In free cases, nearby, extra, 41c per dozen; nearby firsts, \$1.14 per standard case; nearby current receipts, \$1.10; Western extra firsts, \$1.14 per standard case; firsts, \$1.10; candled and crated fresh eggs, jobbing at 43 @ 45c per dozen; cold storage eggs per case, extra, \$9.60; firsts, \$9 @ 9.30; seconds, \$8.10 @ 8.40.

BALTIMORE.—Wheat—No. 2 red spot and January, 93 1/2 nominal; February, 95 nominal.

Corn—Year, 66 1/2 nominal; January, 66 1/2 nominal.

Oats—Standard white, 44 1/2 @ 44 1/2; No. 3 white, 44 @ 44 1/2.

Rye—Western—No. 2, domestic, 68 @ 69; do, export, 63 1/2 @ 64; No. 3, domestic, 64; No. 4, 65. Bag lots, nearby, as to quality, 60 @ 68.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$19; standard timothy, \$18.50; No. 2 timothy, \$17 @ 18; No. 3 do, \$15 @ 16; light clover mixed, \$17 @ 17.50; No. 1 do, \$16.50 @ 17; No. 2 do, \$15 @ 16; heavy, \$15 @ 16.50; No. 1 clover, \$17 @ 17.50; No. 2, \$12 @ 16.

Straw—No. 1 straight rye, \$15.50 @ 16; No. 2 do, \$15 @ 15.50; No. 1 tangled do, \$11.50 @ 12; No. 1 wheat, \$8.50 @ 9; No. 2 do, \$7; No. 1 oat, \$10 @ 10.50; No. 2 do, \$8 @ 9.

Butter—Creamery, fancy, 35 @ 38; creamery, choice, 32 @ 36; creamery, good, 27 @ 30; creamery, prints, 37 @ 39; creamery, blocks, 36 @ 38; ladies, 23 @ 25; Maryland and Pennsylvania, rolls, 21 @ 22; Ohio, rolls, 20 @ 22; West Virginia, rolls, 20 @ 21; storepacked, 18 @ 19; Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania, prints, 19 @ 21.

Cheese—We quote, jobbing lots, per pound, 18 1/4 @ 18 1/2 c.

Eggs—Maryland, Pennsylvania and nearby firsts, 34c; Western, firsts, 34; West Virginia, firsts, 33 @ 34; Southern, firsts, 32. Recvated and re-handled eggs, 1/2 @ 1c higher.

Live Poultry—Chickens—Old hens, heavy, 16 @ 17c; do, small to medium, 16 @ 17; old roosters, 10; young, 17 @ 18. Ducks, 16c. Geese—Nearby, 15 @ 16c; Western and Southern, 14; Kent Island, 16 @ 18. Pigeons—Young, per pair, 25c; old, 25. Guinea Fowl—Old, each, 40c; do, young, 65. Turkeys—Hens, per lb, 21c; young gobblers, 19 @ 20; old toms, 18; rough and poor, 12.

Dressed Poultry—Scalded, undrawn, head and feet on—Turkeys, choice, 21 @ 23c; fair to good, 19 @ 20; rough and poor, 14 @ 15. Chickens, choice, young, 17 @ 18c; old and mixed, 16 @ 17; old roosters, 10 @ 11. Ducks, 15 @ 17. Geese, nearby, 17 @ 18; Western and Southern, 12 @ 15.

LIVE STOCK

CHICAGO.—Hogs—Bulk of sales, \$7.80 @ 8; light, \$7.65 @ 7.75; mixed, \$7.70 @ 8.05; heavy, \$7.65 @ 8.10; rough, \$7.65 @ 7.75; pigs, \$6.75 @ 7.70.

Cattle—Texas steers, \$6.90 @ 7.90; stockers and feeders, \$5 @ 7.45; cows and heifers, \$5.50 @ 8.60; calves, \$7 @ 11.40.

Sheep—Native, \$4.75 @ 6.15; yearlings, \$5.85 @ 7.15; lambs, native, \$6.70 @ 8.25.

KANSAS CITY.—Hogs—Bulk, \$7.60 @ 7.85; heavy, \$7.85 @ 7.90; packers and butchers, \$7.70 @ 7.85; light, \$7.50 @ 7.80; pigs, \$6.75 @ 7.15.

Cattle—Prime fed steers, \$8.40 @ 9; dressed beef steers, \$7.15 @ 8.35; Southern steers, \$5.90 @ 8; cows, \$4.50 @ 7; heifers, \$6.50 @ 9; stockers and feeders, \$5.75 @ 7.50; bulls, \$5 @ 7.25; calves, \$6.50 @ 10.75.