

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.

Neil B. Sinclair has resigned as secretary of the Chester Board of Trade.

Frank McCafferty has resigned as a member of the Chester police.

James Williamson fell downstairs in Chester, receiving severe injuries.

Arthur D. Pierce has resigned as constable of the Fourth Ward, Chester, after 10 years.

Thieves entered the store of S. Bano, of Bristol, and got away with \$30 worth of loot.

Bayne McCray, 6 years old, was rescued from drowning in Chester River by two Upland youths.

To replace their fire-riddled edifice, Mt. Carmel Methodists will build a beautiful \$50,000 church.

The Evangelical Church of Upper Mauch Chunk will shortly organize a troop of Boy Scouts.

Falling downstairs at Catauaqua, Thomas Bonner nearly gouged out his left eye.

The Northampton School Board has decided to erect a new \$40,000 school building.

The Mauch Chunk Silk Mill is operating night and day to turn out rapidly increasing orders.

The trouble among the miners at Nesquehoning has been adjusted and everybody is at work again.

The dress of Mrs. Maria Borts, of West Catauaqua, caught in a gasoline engine and she was terribly lacerated.

Several hundred pounds of copper wire were stolen from poles of the Postal Telegraph Company, near Valley Store, Chester County.

A thieving bobcat got a spanking with a slab and dropped Edward Ziegler's blue-ribbon rooster in a coop near Jack's Mountain.

Breaking through ice on the Juniata while skating at Lewistown, young Peter Colyer was rescued from under an airhole farther down stream.

James S. Magee, of New Bloomfield, was confirmed as United States marshal for the Middle Judicial district.

Captain Frank K. Hyatt, of the Pennsylvania Military College, at Chester, dislocated a kneecap while performing an equestrian feat on the college grounds.

While Reuben Bickel, commission merchant and pork dealer, of Revere, was on his way to Easton, one of his horses was stricken with paralysis, at Rausville, and died.

Discovering a smokehouse on fire, the crew of a Northampton traction car, bound for Easton, stopped the car and, aided by the male passengers, saved the building.

Judge Sadler has appointed Edward A. Lau, Republican, of Carlisle, to succeed the late W. N. Hall, Democrat, as borough treasurer, at \$3,500 annually.

A pleading letter that he wrote to a probation officer admitting bad conduct and promising to reform, led Court at Easton to order the release of Peter Lockey from the Philadelphia Protectors.

Registration for the free book service at the Harrisburg public library passed the 300 mark, although registration began on January 1, and it is expected that the registration will amount to 3,500 before the end of the month. This registration is far beyond expectation.

Wilde Post, Grand Army of the Republic, has placed a new American flag over the modest shaft which marks the grave of John Morton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, in old St. Paul's burial ground in Chester.

Poisoned by a mule kick that he received while at work in the Raymond Colliery, several months ago, Thomas Kelly, of Archband, underwent an operation for blood-poisoning at the Mid-Valley Hospital.

John Cavanaugh, itinerant preacher, while preaching on Public square at Wilkes-Barre against stealing, lost a megaphone which he uses to aid his weakening voice, stolen from the top of his suitcase. He is satisfied that the man who took it is the meanest thief living.

41 LOST; 99 SAVED WHEN SHIPS CRASH

Old Dominion Liner is Struck in Fog By Nantucket.

SINKS IN TWENTY MINUTES.

The Lifeboats Of the Nantucket Rescued the 82 Persons From Off the Monroe and Out Of the Water.

Norfolk, Va.—Stranded in the side by one of her sisters of the ocean, the Old Dominion liner Monroe sank off Hog Island, and 41 persons went to their death with her.

Made blind by the fog, the Merchants and Miners' ship Nantucket rammed the Monroe on her forward quarter, and 20 minutes later the Old Dominion liner went down.

In those 20 minutes 87 of those who had been on the Monroe escaped death by the lifeboats and rafts, doors, lifebelts of the sinking steamer and the lifeboats of the Nantucket.

20 Minutes Too Short To Save All. But the time was too short for all to get off, and some had been either killed or maimed as they lay in their berths on the side of the ship that had been rammed.

Others became confused and could not reach the deck, where boats were being cast off, and still more are supposed to have perished in the water before they could be picked up.

The Monroe carried 52 passengers and a crew of 84. The Nantucket is said to have had but two passengers aboard. No one on the Nantucket was hurt, so far as can be learned.

Record Of Saved and Lost. So far as facts available can determine the record of the disaster shows: Passengers saved, 39. Passengers lost, 19. Crew saved, 60. Crew lost, 22.

Crash Before Warning Could Be Given. The ships came together before a cry from the lookout on either the Monroe or Nantucket could warn the men at the wheels of the two ships.

MEXICANS KILLED AMERICANS.

Two Men May Have Been Executed Under Notorious Fugitive Law.

San Diego, Cal.—Two Americans—P. W. Harwood and Mortimer Miller—have been slain in the mountains south of Tia Juana, Mexico, by Mexican Federal soldiers under the notorious "fugitive law." The men were taken from Tia Juana on Wednesday by a squad of Federals and have not been seen since. Mexican officials assert they are en route to Ensenada for trial on a charge of smuggling, but the fact that their guards carried no supplies for a long march raised grave doubts in the minds of officials here.

FEAR CAUSED HYDROPHOBIA.

Woman Was Never Bitten Or Scratched By Dog.

Philadelphia.—Although she declares that she was never bitten or even scratched by a dog or any other animal, Ellen Brown, 20 years old, is in a critical condition from what physicians have diagnosed as a case of hydrophobia. From early childhood the young woman has had a great fear of dogs. Recently her throat became terribly parched, but the sight of water threw her into convulsions. Her condition rapidly became worse and today she was said to be dying.

MINISTER GUILTY OF LIBEL.

Temperance Worker Had Criticized Decisions Of Maine Jurist.

Portland, Me.—Rev. Dr. Wilbur F. Berry, a well-known temperance worker, was convicted of criminally libeling George F. Haley, associate justice of the supreme court. The jury was out more than four hours. The alleged libel was contained in an article published in the Civic League record, the organ of the Christian Civic League of Maine, of which Dr. Berry is superintendent. It criticized Justice Haley for his disposition of the cases of persons convicted of violating the liquor laws.

CULLOM'S LONG CAREER ENDED.

Had Been Conspicuous in Public Life For Many Years.

Washington.—Former Senator Shelby M. Cullom, of Illinois, died here after an illness of more than a week, during which he hovered between life and death. His last words were a wish that he might have lived to see the completion of the national memorial to Abraham Lincoln, who was his personal friend.

BANK PRESIDENT ARRESTED.

Orson Adams Charged With Misappropriating Funds.

Grand Junction, Col.—Orson Adams, former president of the failed Mesa County National Bank, was arrested on a warrant charging misappropriation of funds and sworn to by L. M. Reeves, Federal bank examiner. Bond was furnished by several citizens of Grand Junction. The warrant names only \$4,000, but officials state the alleged irregularities may reach \$100,000.

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UNCLE SAM WILL KEEP GOETHALS

Accepts Nomination as Governor of Canal Zone.

HIS NAME SENT TO SENATE

Makes Declaration That He Will Not Retire So Long As His Services May Be Needed By the Government.

Washington.—President Wilson sent the nomination of Colonel George W. Goethals to be governor of the Panama Canal Zone after April 1 to the Senate. Secretary Garrison made public this exchange of cablegrams: To Col. George W. Goethals, Culebra, Canal Zone, January 27:

In connection with the President's intention to appoint you governor, may I assure him you do not desire to retire from service so long as he feels your services are needed?

GARRISON.

Culebra, January 28.

To Secretary of War: Referring to your cable of the 27th inst. relative to governorship, will not retire so long as my services are needed.

GOETHALS.

As chairman of the Isthmian Canal Commission Colonel Goethals now is paid \$15,000 a year. The Panama Canal act fixes the salary of the governor at \$10,000. Representative Britten, of Illinois, introduced a bill to amend the law to make the salary of the governor \$15,000 so long as Colonel Goethals holds the office.

The formidable task of making up a permanent roll of employees to operate the canal and to discharge the manifold clerical duties probably will fall directly upon Colonel Goethals. Secretary Garrison is inclined to believe that under the terms of the Adamson act he himself technically must make the appointments, though he may delegate the duty to the Governor of the Panama Canal.

Colonel Goethals is said to have desired the appointment as first governor of the canal in order that he might himself organize the permanent operating force, with the men who helped him construct the canal and of whose abilities he had personal knowledge. He will have to select something like 2,500 permanent employees to be selected from about three times that number.

ONE MEMBER WHOLE SENATE.

Presides, Introduces Bills and Makes Speech At Albany.

Albany, N. Y.—Only one member—Senator Thomas H. Bussey, of Perry, N. Y.—was present in the State Senate Friday. He called himself to order, introduced several bills, made a speech and then offered a motion for adjournment, which was unanimously carried. Among the bills introduced were several prepared by Mayor Mitchell, of New York city, to effect changes in police regulations demanded by Colonel Goethals.

SIX IN FLYING BOAT.

Wilmington Breaks American Record In a Curtiss Machine.

Miami, Fla.—American records were broken when a Curtiss flying boat carried six men for one flight and five men for one flight. Nine hundred pounds of weight, besides gasoline and oil, was carried. C. W. Wilmer was the aviator.

KILLED BY A LION.

The Tragic Fate Of a "Movie" Photographer In Africa.

Nairobi, British East African Protectorate.—An encounter with a lion caused the death here of Fritz Schindler, a member of an American moving picture expedition engaged in taking pictures of wild animals in their natural surroundings in Africa. Schindler, with others belonging to the expedition, was attempting to photograph a lion in the jungles when the animal sprang on him.

TO LEND MONEY TO THE FARMER

Rural Credits Bill Introduced in Both Houses.

SHORT TERM LOANS LATER.

The Measure Provides For the Establishing Of Farm Lands Banks to Make Long-Time Loans.

Washington.—Administration rural credit bills were introduced simultaneously in the Senate and House by Senator Fletcher, of Florida, and Representative Mox, of Indiana, members of the commission President Wilson sent abroad last summer to study foreign systems. The bills were for long-term farm loans. Bills for short-term loans will be introduced later.

The measures would establish in the Treasury Department a bureau of farm-land banks under the direction of a commissioner and make provision for the formation of such banks in any State under the Federal charter and Federal inspection.

Any group of farmers within a State might organize co-operative farm-land banks with power to issue bonds to raise funds from distant money markets for farm development. Operations of the individual banks would be confined within State lines, though supervision will be Federal, owing to the variety of State laws bearing upon land titles, taxation, foreclosure and like subjects. They would be strictly prohibited from doing "a city business."

Loans to farmers might not exceed 50 per cent. of the value of improved land, nor extend more than 25 years. No institution could begin business without a foundation capital and double liability provided for national banks. The amount of long term business, which might be undertaken by any of the proposed banks, could not exceed 15 times the amount of paid up share capital and surplus. They might accept and pay interest on deposits not exceeding 50 per cent. of capital and surplus, and receive deposits of postal savings funds to the same extent.

The report submitted with the bill was drafted by Senator Fletcher, chairman; Senator Gore, Representative Mox, of Indiana; Dr. John Lee Coulter, of Minnesota, representing the Census Bureau and other members of the rural credit commission.

The bills were referred to the Banking and Currency Committees of the Senate and House, which have subcommittees assigned to the subject.

ALTOONA CAR SHOPS BUSY.

Signs That Hard Times Are Ending In Pennsylvania Railroad Plants.

Altoona, Pa.—Hard times in most of the Pennsylvania Railroad shops here ended, when work began on 1,000 new box cars, 50 passenger coaches and 34 big locomotives. This will keep the shops busy for nearly a year, and other orders for New York are to come shortly.

LEAPS OFF ROOF WITH BABY.

Father's Desperate Attempt To Save Child From Fire.

Chelsea, Mass.—Nicholas Kissel's baby girl received fatal injuries when the father jumped with his burning house. Miss Mary Kudry and Miss Katherine Kudry, who also jumped, were seriously hurt.

EVA BOOTH WORSE.

The Salvation Army Leader's Condition Grave.

New York.—Eva Booth, head of the Salvation Army in this country, who for more than a week past has been ill in the Salvation Army Barracks here, after a nervous breakdown in Elmira, was reported to be in a grave condition. She suffered an attack of influenza which developed into pleurisy and tonsillitis. Intestinal troubles have complicated her case, giving grounds for anxiety.

NEXT STEP IN MEXICAN POLICY

Rebels to Be Allowed to Buy Arms in United States.

MAY END THE WAR QUICKLY

Secretary Flatly Denies the Story That Our Government is Concerned About the Aid Japan is Giving Huerta.

Washington.—The ever-recurrent appeal of the Mexican constitutionalists that they be permitted to purchase arms in the United States on an even footing with the Huerta government may soon be granted. Though President Wilson and Secretary Bryan have reached no final determination on that point, the Washington government is strongly inclined to such a course as the next step in its Mexican policy.

Informal inquiry among prominent administration officials disclosed the fact that practically the entire cabinet, many members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and many of the leaders in Congress generally are ready to support the President should he raise the embargo on arms by proclamation.

The recent defalcation by the Huerta government of the interest on its bonds, the growing anxiety of European nations about the financial affairs of Mexico and the declared intention of the constitutionalists to carry the fighting into the thickly populated cities of Central Mexico are said to be underlying reasons for some further development of the American policy, though no official would predict when it will occur.

That the President is giving serious consideration to the question of arms is apparent not alone from the trend of his talk to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, but from the evidence which daily has been coming to the Washington government of the disadvantage to which a denial of arms has put the constitutionalists.

The chief argument being placed before President Wilson now is that the Huerta government has experienced little difficulty in buying munitions of war in countries other than the United States, while the constitutionalists have been cut off from their only external source of supply, the American border, and that in this respect the American policy is one of partiality, instead of neutrality. The reason for the President's refusal of arms to both factions, as stated in his address to Congress last August, was a desire not to add to the bloodshed.

There is a feeling among the proponent of the plan, too, that the mere announcement of the Washington government's intention to raise the embargo would have the effect of weakening the Huerta government throughout Mexico.

Official Washington gossip considerably about published stories that the Huerta government was getting arms from Japan and that this phase of the situation was discussed at the conference on Monday between the President and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "An old story revamped," was the White House view expressed through Secretary Tumulty, while Chairman Bacon, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, issued a blanket denial, saying he was authorized by all the members of his committee to pronounce information purporting to be authorized by them on the subject of the conference to be "pure fabrications."

BRYAN'S ELEVENTH TREATY.

Peace Pact With Costa Rica Is Agreed Upon.

Washington.—Secretary Bryan and Joaquín B. Calvo, Costa Rican minister, agreed upon the terms of a new treaty by which the United States and Costa Rica agree to investigate for at least one year all questions arising between the two countries which cannot be adjusted through diplomacy. This is the eleventh of the peace treaties agreed to by Mr. Bryan and the diplomatic representatives of foreign powers, and seven already have been signed.

FIVE TO 10 YEARS FOR AUTOIST.

Son of New Jersey Judge Killed Boy With His Car.

Trenton, N. J.—The Court of Errors and Appeals affirmed the conviction of Daniel A. Dugan, Jr., of Orange, for manslaughter in killing Leo F. McDermott, a 14-year-old boy, with his motorcar two years ago, and he must now serve a sentence of from 5 to 10 years in the State prison. Dugan is a son of District Judge Daniel A. Dugan, of Orange, who was appointed when Woodrow Wilson was Governor of New Jersey.

ONE KILLED, SCORES HURT.

Suburban Cars Crash Head-On At Lackawanna.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Two crowded suburban cars on the Buffalo, Lake Erie and Western Railroad collided head-on at high speed in Lackawanna, a suburb. John Doyle, one of the motorists, was killed. Nearly all of the 75 passengers on the two cars were hurt, but none of the injured will die. The accident was caused, according to railroad officials, by Doyle's neglect to see a block signal.

MOVIE OWNERS DISLIKE CENSORS

Protest Against Review of Films and Get Little Encouragement

WILL MAKE FIRE TESTS

Committee Representing 88 Managers of Picture Shows From Western Part of State Call on Governor Tender for Sympathy.

(Special Harrisburg Correspondence.)

Harrisburg.—A committee representing 88 owners and operators of moving picture shows in the western part of the state called upon Governor Tener for protection against the State censorship of "movies." The committee was told by the Governor that a law provides for the censorship and that his naming of censors was in accordance with that law. Steps will be taken by the western men, who may get other moving picture theatre owners interested in their cause, to test the constitutionality of the act. The committee also visited John P. Jackson, Commissioner of Labor and Industry, and arranged with him a series of practical tests of the time needed to empty theatres in which moving pictures are shown. These tests will include experiments in extinguishing fires caused by ignited films and the operation for devices installed by the theatre men for the safety of the public. State Senator Thompson, of Beaver, counsel for the moving picture men, has planned for theatre owners from various cities of the Commonwealth to meet with representatives from the State Department of Labor and Industry and the State Association of Architects to make the tests.

State Buys Deer.

The State Game Commission has purchased 100 deer from the private preserve of Mrs. M. H. Musser, of Westover, Clearfield county, to stock the forests of Fayette, Westmoreland, Cambria and Somerset counties. These counties have been closed for three years to hunters of deer. Under the provisions of the hunters' license act 290,000 licenses were issued in Pennsylvania last year, complete returns from all but half a dozen small counties show. It is estimated that the whole number of 320,000. So far the State Treasury has received \$261,000, the county treasurers being entitled to 10 cents of each dollar license fee paid. Allegheny leads with 13,072 licenses and Luzerne is second with 10,990. Next in order are Westmoreland with 9,999; Lancaster, 9,747; Schuylkill, 9,188; Philadelphia, 9,107.

Appointed by the Governor.

Governor Tener announced the following appointments and reappointments: Judge Isaac Johnson, Media, to be member of the State Board of Public Charities; Russel C. Stewart, Easton; Leonard Peckitt, Catauaqua, and F. J. Slough, Allentown, to be trustees of the State Hospital at Rittersville. O. C. Allen, Warren; Ned Arden Flood, Titusville, and Bryan H. Osborne, Franklin, to be trustees of the State Hospital at Warren. Thomas B. Foley, Pittsburgh, to be inspector of the Western Penitentiary; John Thomson, Philadelphia, trustee State hospital at Spring City; John R. Heindel, Justice of the Peace for Corodus township, York county.

Help for State College.

Four donations for scholarships announced at the annual meeting of the trustees of State College and bids opened for the \$90,000 liberal arts building. The trustees were addressed by Governor Tener and the work of the college commended. The donations for scholarships were: Mrs. T. R. Hays, Bellefonte, \$5000; C. F. Barclay, Sinnemahoning, \$5000; Federation of Women's Clubs, Pennsylvania, \$6000; Pennsylvania Society, Daughters of American Revolution, \$1000. Plan were adopted for the mining building to cost \$50,000, and chemistry building to cost \$70,000. Nineteen bids were received on the liberal arts building.

Railroads Killed 91.

During the month of December, according to data collected by the Public Service Commission, 91 persons were killed and 758 injured on the steam railroads of Pennsylvania. Of these, 25 were employes, 53 trespassers and two passengers. Of the employes killed, ten were sectionmen, six trackmen, two conductors, one yardman, one engineer, one car cleaner, one signalman and one crossing watchman. On the street car lines 23 persons were killed and the injured numbered 220. The fatal accidents included two employes, three passengers and six trespassers.

State Bureau to Move.

The Bureau of Distribution of Public Documents moved to the building formerly occupied by the Gordon Manufacturing Company, State street. This is the third bureau of State departments to move into buildings purchased for the State in the Eighth ward. The State Livestock Sanitary Board occupies the old Keely Institute building on Fourth street and the testing laboratory of the State highway Department is the old power house of the Harrisburg Light and Power Company.