

SNAPSHOTS AT STATE NEWS

AN 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.

Catawissa Council is trying to sell its municipal lighting plant for \$12,000.

Calvary Methodist Church, at Berwick, has asked the return of Rev. J. E. Beard, its pastor.

Potato chips are to be sold to make possible basketball for the girls of the Catawissa High School.

While working at the Cameron colliery near Shamokin Edward Elzell was killed by an immense fall of rock.

The Raytown Water Power Company's poles were cut down at Mt. Union Central Company's line.

Levi Moyer has been appointed judge of election for Lower Heidelberg township.

Washington Fire Company, of Conshohocken has decided to get automobile fire apparatus.

Good news at Alburdis is that the Thomas Iron Company is planning to restart No. 8 stack.

Dr. Carl S. Henry has been elected president of the Clover Club, one of Allentown's oldest social organizations.

It is said the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company will erect 40 dwelling houses at Hacklebertie.

The Mauch Chunk School Board has adopted a rule to expel every pupil using tobacco while under the jurisdiction of the school authorities.

The Mauch Chunk School Board thinks corporal punishment in special cases would do a whole lot of good, rather than have the child expelled from school.

William McGinley and Rodney P. Burns, arrested at Mauch Chunk for cutting an air hose on a New Jersey Central train, were committed to prison at Easton.

Three divorce suits were started simultaneously in the Allentown courts—Lizzie Jacoby against Walter, Mary against Charles Helder, and Bertha against Charles Sell.

David Greenawald, a veteran Allentown horseman, had a narrow escape in a runaway with two new Western horses, one of which was killed in striking a telephone pole.

A readjustment of Easton's property assessment, just ordered by the new City Council, is expected to add several millions of dollars to the present assessment figures.

Tramps set fire to the large stone barn east of Bethlehem, which belonged to General W. E. Doster, and the loss is heavy. Fred Smith and Charles Monroe are charged with the crime.

N. G. Campbell, trainmaster of the Lehigh & Susquehanna division of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, with headquarters at Mauch Chunk, has been promoted to be general agent at Newark, N. J.

William Kuba, a converted wanderer, who sought refuge at the Allentown rescue mission, died at the hospital of pneumonia, clamoring for his mother, whom he had not seen in 22 years.

Norristown Choral Society sang Mendelssohn's oratorio "St. Paul" in the Grand Opera House, with Ralph Kinder, of Norristown, director. The soloists were Mrs. Henry Hotz, Miss Anne Sprule, William Pagdin, Frank Conly and Benjamin F. Evans.

W. Frank Vaughn, J. Lee Plummer and J. Foster Meek, a committee of the Blair County Bar, appointed some time ago to suggest a new system of indexing county records, have completed their work, and as a result the county records will be indexed in accordance. All the records of the county were found in bad shape with respect to indices, there being none at all to some records where they are badly needed.

Since the first of the year 72 marriage licenses have been issued by Register and Recorder John I. Carr at Sanbury.

The Mauch Chunk papers state that Scranton capitalists propose to build trolley lines over the Pocono Mountains to Stroudsburg and the Water Gap from the connecting link of an immense trolley system from Scranton to Philadelphia. At the present time one can ride on trolley cars from Stroudsburg by way of the Water Gap to Philadelphia with but few changes

SEVEN AMERICANS ARE PRISONERS

Held by Mexican Bandits Who Wrecked Tunnel.

VILLA AFTER DESPERADOES

Twenty-Two Of the Robbers Shot Last Tuesday—Bandits Also Destroy Two Important Bridges.

Juarez, Mexico.—Seven American railroad men are believed to be prisoners; the Great Cumbre Railroad tunnel through the continental divide is in ruins, and the Mexican Northwestern passenger train which left here Wednesday morning is a charred wreck at the mouth of the tunnel as the result of the depredations of members of the Maximo Castillo gang of bandits.

This information amplifying reports from Chihuahua was received here at the headquarters of the railroad. It corrects the statement that it was the Drake tunnel, a smaller bore south of Cumbre, that was destroyed. The Cumbre tunnel is the largest on the road, 3,700 feet long.

The names of the prisoners reported here are: M. J. Gilmartin, superintendent of the road.

H. Schofield, superintendent of terminals at Juarez.

Lee Williams, assistant manager of the railroad commissary.

E. J. McCutcheon, engineer of the passenger train.

J. E. Webster, conductor.

H. F. Marsden, express agent.

A seventh American is believed to have been on the train and was also employed on the freight train which was used to fire the tunnel.

Gen. Francisco Villa, commander of the rebel forces, now at Chihuahua, was enraged at the news, and in a telegram which passed through here instructed Gen. Felipe Macias, operating in the Casas Grandes district, to shoot every man who could not satisfactorily account for his presence there.

The bandits are believed to be operating in two forces of about 30 men each, as Cumbre is a hard day's ride from El Valle, near Casas Grandes, where 22 of the robbers were captured and shot last Tuesday.

The other detachment, believed to be under Castillo himself, did the wrecking, probably in revenge for the fate of his men at El Valle. He captured a train of stock cars Wednesday and ran it into the tunnel, where it was set on fire.

The tunnel was ablaze that evening when the passenger train from Juarez was captured and sent headlong into the roaring tunnel furnace, which was belching flames and smoke from its mouth.

Castillo then destroyed two neighboring bridges, one of them constructed of steel, and ran two locomotives over the embankment into a deep canyon.

Aroused to a high pitch of anger by the capture of American railroad officials and trainmen by Maximo Castillo's bandits, possees are being formed in the Guerrero district to assist the rebels in running down the bandits. The posse is reported to consist of cowboys from the Hearst ranch. Railroad employes and men from the Madera Lumber Company's plant are said to be among those who have volunteered to assist in the hunt.

TO RUSH ARMS OVER BORDER.

Dealers in War Material Preparing For a Big Business.

New Orleans.—Dealers in war material here began to prepare supplies for shipment to rebels in Northern Mexico as a result of the decision of President Wilson to lift the embargo on shipments of munitions of war into the Southern Republic. About 100 men were working at warehouses packing rifles, cartridges and machine guns. Rebel representatives here said the supplies would be rushed across the border as rapidly as transportation facilities could be obtained. Great quantities of munitions have been here for months under the surveillance of United States government officials.

WOMAN GUILTY OF MURDER.

Mrs. Ross, Husband Slayer, To Serve Ten Years.

Fulton, Mo.—Mrs. Susan Ross was found guilty for the second time of the murder of her husband, J. Haywood Ross, and was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. She was convicted of murder in the second degree. The sentence in the first trial was the same. Ross was found murdered, in bed.

TWO KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Five Hurt, Three Fatally, In Kentucky Sawmill.

Urban, Ky.—Frank Pennington and Robert Hayer, of this city, were instantly killed; Thomas Hayer, Daniel Cox and Robert Hampton were fatally burned, while John and Lincoln Hayer were seriously injured when a boiler in a sawmill exploded here. The mill was wrecked. All of the dead and injured were employed at the mill and reside

THIS EUGENIC AGE

Doctor says my health is fine. Let me be your Valentine.

HANS SCHMIDT FOUND GUILTY

Murder in the First Degree the Verdict of the Jury.

PENALTY DEATH IN CHAIR.

"I Would Rather Die Tonight Than Tomorrow," He Says—Counsel Undecided About Appeal.

New York.—Hans Schmidt was found guilty of murder in the first degree for killing Anna Amuller, a young woman he had married through a self-performed ceremony while acting as a priest at St. Joseph's Church.

The penalty for the crime is death in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison. He will be sentenced this week.

Schmidt, whose defense was insanity, laughed bitterly when the verdict was pronounced. He had steadfastly declared himself guilty and at his arraignment before being held for the Supreme Court pleaded that he be punished by death. Later he protested against the insanity defense advanced by his counsel and said he would not assist them in any way if they prepared an appeal.

"I would rather die tonight than tomorrow," he said. "It is as it should be and as I wish it."

This was the second trial and the jury was out a few minutes less than five hours. At the first trial the jury disagreed. Allenists for prosecution and defense supplied most of the testimony at both trials. Schmidt's counsel hoped that if he was not acquitted on the grounds of mental unsoundness the degree of guilt fixed by the jury would be second degree murder; for the jurors, sending out for instructions shortly after retiring, were informed by Justice Vernon M. Davis that if they wished pronounce a verdict less severe than death.

A. G. Koelbe, of Schmidt's counsel, asserted after the verdict that owing to the former priest's persistent silence concerning the crime it had not been possible to place all the facts before the jury. He said Schmidt was not guilty of murder, but had shielded a physician after the woman's death. She was not murdered, the lawyer declared. If the police would display energy, he said, they could get at the truth. The lawyer was undecided whether he would take an appeal.

Anna Amuller's body was cut up with a knife in Schmidt's flat on September 2 and the pieces, in several bundles, were tossed into the Hudson river, where most of them were found before suspicion was directed against Schmidt. The head was never recovered. Schmidt in his confession to the police said he was commanded to make "a sacrifice" of the Amuller girl's life by his patron, St. Elizabeth.

ECUADOR IS REVOLTING AGAIN.

Rebels Demand Resignation of President Plaza.

Panama.—Mail advices received here from Ecuador, say the revolution in the republic is gaining headway and that Guayaquil, the principal seaport, is preparing to proclaim a new government. The rebels demand the resignation of President Leonidas Plaza, who is held responsible by them for the lynching at Quito January 28, 1912, of Gen. Eloy Alfaro, President of Ecuador.

STATE OF SIEGE IS PROLONGED.

Nicaragua Under Martial Law For Sixty Days More.

San Juan, del Sur, Nicaragua.—The Nicaraguan Congress approved the President's decree prolonging the state of siege for 60 days. Nicaragua has been under martial law for several months owing to the danger from revolutionary movements and at the same time a strict censorship has been exercised over dispatches.

CARRANZA TO USE AEROPLANE

Among the War Munitions to Be Ordered at Once.

OPERATE ON PACIFIC COAST

Gen. Angeles To Have Charge Of the Organization Of the Aerial Fleets. Only Mexican Aviators Will Operate Machines.

Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mex.—Military aeroplanes will be among the war munitions to be ordered at once from the United States by General Carranza, the rebel chieftain. This was announced after Carranza had made hasty arrangements to take advantage immediately of the American government's action in lifting the embargo on the exportation of arms. The aeroplanes will be used in campaigns in Northern Mexico.

Fourteen thousand rifles, with sufficient ammunition for a long campaign, already have been ordered.

It was stated also that the insurgents would import artillery with mounts suitable for use aboard vessels, which will be armored for operations against the Pacific Coast seaports still held by the Huerta forces.

The organization of aerial war fleets will be effected by General Angeles, sub-secretary of war in the Carranza cabinet. It will be commanded by Capt. Fredrico Cervantes, who recently returned after having spent three months as a student in military aviation camps in France.

Only Mexican aviators will be used, including two members of Carranza's staff, who are qualified air pilots.

The 14,000 rifles contracted for will be used to equip rebel troops in Chihuahua and Zacatecas.

SUNBURY REVIEWS BLUE LAWS

Tango Dancing and Turkey Trotting Will Be Prohibited.

Sunbury, Pa.—Dr. H. T. Keiser, Chief Burgess, and Merle Shannon, Chief of Police, both of whom were converted at a revival meeting Sunday, announced that they would eliminate from Sunbury all gambling houses, places of immorality and slot machines. It was also stated that tango dancing and "turkey trotting" will not be permitted, that all business places would be forced to close on Sundays and that all other provisions of the blue laws would be rigidly enforced.

THE SUFFRAGISTS LOSE AGAIN.

House Democratic Caucus Declares Against Special Committee.

Washington.—House Democrats at a caucus went on record against the creation of a House Committee on Woman Suffrage. By a vote of 122 to 67 the caucus adopted a resolution declaring this a state question and rejecting the Raker resolution to create the committee.

MADE WIFE SLEEP ON FLOOR.

Eccentric Husband Fined \$50 For Disorderly Conduct.

Chicago.—A man who habitually sets his alarm clock for 2 A. M. and at that hour makes his wife get out of bed and sleep on the floor is guilty of disorderly conduct. This ruling was given by Municipal Judge Sullivan, who fined the offender, Stanley Mellish, \$50 and costs.

WOMAN ACCEPTS PASTORATE.

Miss Sarah Eckroyd Will Assume New Duties At Once.

Williamsport, Pa.—Miss Sarah Eckroyd, of Pennadale, has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Christian Alliance Church at Avis. She will assume her duties at once. Miss Eckroyd is 40 years of age. She has been engaged in religious work for a number of years and has lately been in charge of a congregation of the Alliance Church at Hughesville.

BURNETT BILL PASSES HOUSE

Provides Literacy Test For Admission of Immigrants.

WILSON AGAINST PROVISION

Opponents Of Educational Test Fought Strenuously To the Last, But Are Overwhelmingly Defeated.

Washington.—The Burnett Immigration bill prescribing a literacy test for applicants to admission to the United States was passed by the House by a vote of 241 to 126.

All proposed amendments relating to the exclusion of Asiatic immigrants had been previously eliminated.

As passed the bill provides that every immigrant admitted to the United States must be able to read "the English language, or some other language or dialect, including Hebrew or Yiddish." It prescribes the method of testing immigrants, stipulating that each applicant for admission must read a slip on which is printed between 30 and 40 words.

In its present form this measure passed the House and Senate in the last Congress, but was vetoed by President Taft. A similar bill was vetoed during President Cleveland's second administration.

The supporters of the bill are confident that it will again pass the Senate, although President Wilson has let it be known that he does not approve the literacy test.

Opponents of the chief proviso fought strenuously to the last, but on a final effort to eliminate the test from the bill they were defeated, 140 to 229.

The final vote came at the end of a day of vituperous debate, which at times threw the House into confusion, and on several occasions threatened to cause very serious trouble.

KILLS HIMSELF IN CHURCH.

Former Town Treasurer Commits Suicide in the Chancel.

Providence, R. I.—On his knees in the chancel of Grace Church, John Ogden, former town treasurer of North Providence, drew a revolver and shot himself in the head. He died almost instantly. Before he approached the chancel Ogden had been sitting in a pew in the rear of the church writing in a book, which he later handed to a deaconess. In the book were found notes to his wife and to the superintendent of a mill in which he had been employed.

"UNCLE JOE" CANNON MAY RUN.

Thinks He Would Be Happier in Congress Than in Danville.

Washington.—"Uncle Joe" Cannon, his friends in Congress learned, may run again for Congress. The former Speaker is lonely in Danville, he says, and may conclude to be a candidate. "I am not exactly unhappy," said "Uncle Joe." "I would rather be in Danville than wearing a path in Washington pavements. But I would rather be back here in the halls where I served nearly 50 years; I would be happier here."

PATROL TO KEEP OUT LIQUOR.

West Virginian Would Have State Border Guarded.

Charlestown, W. Va.—A border patrol to prohibit illegal shipment of intoxicants into West Virginia after June 20, when the Yost Prohibition law goes into effect, is the plan of Fred O. Blue, ex-officio Commissioner of Prohibition. Commissioner Blue believes that the patrol will prevent "bootlegging." The size of the patrol has not been determined.

COL. BARNETT IS NOMINATED.

President Also Sends In Name Of Shanghai Judge.

Washington.—President Wilson made these nominations: Judge of the United States Court at Shanghai, China—Charles Sumner Lobbrier, of Omaha, Neb. Major-General Commandant of the Marine Corps—Col. George Barnett.

EMPLOYEES GET EXTRA PAY.

Then Help Allen Lane Scott To Celebrate Birthday.

Philadelphia.—Employees of Allen Lane Scott, printers, helped Scott celebrate his eighty-eighth birthday by receiving a whole week's extra pay. The compositors and pressmen also received an increase of \$1 a week in salary.

NEW RADIIUM BILL REPORTED.

Proposes Leasing Of Lands And Federal Reducing Plant.

Washington.—Chairman Foster, of the House Committee on Mines, reported favorably to the House the revised Administration bill for the conservation of radium. It proposes the leasing of carnotite lands in the West for mining under regulations and the establishment of a Federal radium reducing plant.

HIGHER WAGES FOR SOBER MEN

All Employees of a Big Industry Invited to Sign Contract

GET TEN PER CENT BONUS

General Manager Declares Men Who Don't Drink Are Uniformly Worth More—Fleeced With Acceptance of Pledge by 300 Men.

Chester.—The Philadelphia Quartz Company, believing that the efficiency of a workman is greatly accelerated by total abstinence from intoxicating liquors, has offered the employes of its plant in this city an inducement for them to enter into an agreement to abstain from all forms of intoxicating liquors. The company agrees to give a 10 per cent. bonus with the wages of the men who sign the agreement.

William H. Stanton, general manager of the plant and originator of the plan, says he is greatly pleased with the response of employes to the offer. With no hesitation nearly all of the 200 men employed at the plant signed the agreement, and at the next pay will receive the increased wage. Mr. Stanton said: "I believe every man should be paid what he is worth. It is only common sense that a strictly sober man is worth far more to the company than one occasionally drunk, or even one who imbibes now and then. We do not intend to draw any distinction between the man who does not sign the agreement and those who believe in the scheme but we will not employ a man who is known to be of habitual intemperate habits, and for that reason we expect little objection or hesitation on the part of our employes to sign the agreement. A man is a man, and it is up to him to prove to me—not me being obliged to discover that fact for myself. We will employ no spies or watchers in this plant. Any one who wishes to drink, after signing the paper, may do so, but if we have knowledge of that fact, his drinking automatically severs his connection with this company."

Mr. Stanton further states that it is the object of the company to employ capable and competent men, and that it was only too apparent that this condition could be brought about only by the employment of sober and industrious men, the two latter qualifications working hand in hand.

Turkey No Domestic Bird.

York.—Unless the farmer speedily wakes to a realization that while the chicken has been domesticated 2,000 years, the turkey has a history of only 400 years of domesticity, C. M. Barnitz, a poultry expert, told the gathering at the Loganville farmers' institute in an impromptu talk, there will in 20 years be no more turkeys left for the nation's Thanksgiving dinners. Attempts to subject the turkey to the same treatment as the chicken, he said, are responsible for practically all the disappointments experienced by breeders. One brood a year, in the spring, for each turkey hen, he said, would prove most satisfactory, because it would imitate the natural form of reproduction with these half-wild fowls. Inbreeding he declared to be very destructive to turkeys.

Ask Rights for Big Dam.

Costesville.—Burgess W. L. W. Jones, members of Council and other prominent taxpayers went to Harrisburg, where a conference was held with the State Water Commission regarding the type of dam to be constructed for the lake which is to hold 335,000,000 gallons of water, impounded for the town's new water works, for which the taxpayers voted to expend \$185,000.

Romps With Children, Dies.

Lewistown.—Benjamin Josephs, 25 years old, died suddenly from apoplexy. Mr. Josephs was a son of the Rev. George Josephs and a member of the borough Council. Following a romp with the children, he sat up to the breakfast table only to topple into his wife's arms, with the remark, "I'm dying."

Man Drowns in Cement.

Allentown.—Death came surprisingly to John Patrick, a foreman at the Omrod cement plant. From a trap door he fell into a bin of cement, landing head foremost, like a diver. The fine stuff engulfed his body like water, and he disappeared. It took only five minutes to dig him out, dead.

Reinstatement Ends Strike.

Hazleton.—By reinstating John Masage, the single ashman at the Smith mines at Beaver Meadow, whose request for two men to help him caused his dismissal, the Smth Company settled the strike that tied up the operation.

Illness Leads to Suicide.

Allentown.—Despondent because his wife was in the hospital and he himself was unable to work on account of a sprained ankle, James W. Smith committed suicide by hanging. When he did not respond to the call for supper his daughter found his body in the garret. He had tied a cord no thicker than leadenpipe to a rafter and looped the other end around his neck, reclining backward to strangle. Earlier in the day he had been unsuccessful in using carbolic acid and gas.