

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.

Charles S. Messenger, of Tatamy, postmaster for many years, is a candidate for reappointment.

An axle broke, derailing a Lehigh Valley passenger engine near Hazleton and delaying traffic generally.

Mrs. J. H. Baumgardner has given to the Lancaster County Historical Society a Bible printed at Basle, Switzerland, in 1665.

Slipping on a snowy sidewalk, John Kneass, a retired grocer of Norris-town, fractured one of his hips.

A three-story addition, 45 by 54 feet, will be built to the plant of the Spring City Knitting Company.

During the past month dry Coatesville has had but two arrests for drunkenness.

When his gun balked, Mark Kloes, 13 years old, of Milton, looked into the barrel and it was discharged, the bullet entering his eye.

Paul Silvert, a little Nazareth newsboy, saved a small foreign lad from being frozen to death by carrying him to a nearby store, where he was revived.

Disappointed in love, Samuel Ross, a foreigner, of Portland, tried to end his life with a bullet, which struck a rib and did not injure him much.

Judge Joseph W. Bouten and Mrs. Bouten and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mitchell, of Smethport, are visitors to San Juan, Porto Rico.

Reading's Planning Commission will be composed of William H. Luden, Jonathan Mould and Edward H. Knerr, and possibly two others.

There will be no more junkets or free trips for Reading Councilmen, neither will they entertain visitors at the expense of the taxpayers.

Right in the teeth of the blizzard farmers in Norristown markets dropped the price of eggs from 40 to 34 cents.

Charles Stout Temple was struck by a flying fire tongue in the Reading car shops and four ribs were fractured.

Dr. C. F. Tegtmeler, president of Conshohocken school board, has been selected as chairman of the Playgrounds Association.

A circulating library is to be installed in Weatherly under the auspices of the Civic Club and the railroad organizations.

Because of the increase in business at the South Bethlehem post office another letter carrier has been added to the force, making 15 in all.

Granville Brown, of Catasauqua, as he stepped outside the door of his home slipped on a piece of ice and fractured his arm.

Officials of the State Board of Health are in full charge of the plant of the West Reading Water Company and are making efforts to assure a supply of pure water.

Lieutenant Henry S. Rothenberger, ex-postmaster of Hamburg, and for 28 years in the freight department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Hamburg, tendered his friends a banquet in honor of his 70th birthday. He will be placed on the railroad company's pension roll March 5.

Editor Sipe, of the Fulton Democrat published at McConnellsburg, has a rosy vision of his county's future, which is interesting in view of the fact that Fulton county has not a railroad: "The time will come in Fulton county when people will have daily mail delivered to their doors, telephones in all their homes, trolley cars passing their gates every 15 minutes, electric lights on the fence posts and macadam roads as smooth as asphalt. The pigs will be fed by automatic machines and commit suicide when ready for market. We will have self-churning cream and electric harvesting. Then farmers can live a very enjoyable life."

The old Susquehanna House, at Curwensville, is being remodeled into tenement houses by O. J. Baker, who recently purchased the property. For over 50 years the Susquehanna House was one of the popular stopping places along the West Branch.

For selling an adulteration as cider vinegar, S. L. Grayson, of Kennett Square, paid a fine of \$50 and costs, and J. A. Trego, of Coatesville, paid \$100 and costs for selling oleomargarine in his restaurant without displaying the required sign.

EUROPE BEHIND GREAT BRITAIN

Holds Toll Exemption Violates Treaty, Says President.

OTHER REASONS FOR REPEAL

Of Such Grave Effect Upon International Relations They Cannot Be Divulged, is Intimation.

Washington.—President Wilson took the newspaper correspondents a little further into his confidence concerning the international aspects of the free tolls controversy when he declared it to be his belief that all Europe stood with Great Britain in regard to the exemption clause of the Panama Canal act as a violation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

The President was careful to explain, however, that he did not base his opinion on any official protests which these other nations have lodged against the clause, for, he declared, Great Britain was the only country to file a protest. At the same time, he said, information had come to him showing clearly how the other governments regarded the matter.

It also leaked out that the President has given his callers within the last few days a reason of greater importance than any heretofore disclosed by visitors willing to talk why repeal should be enacted. It appears that this reason has to do with American foreign relations, but the exact nature of the matter is being kept a profound secret.

The further fact became known that the President's friends look to Representative Claude Kitchen, of North Carolina, the heir apparent to the majority leadership, to head the fight for repeal. They want to make a test of his strength. Representative Underwood will probably sit through this fight and content himself with a negative vote.

Thinks Repeal Will Pass.

President Wilson is firmly of the opinion, following additional conferences which he had during the day with leaders in Congress, that he can get the repeal measure through at the present session of Congress. He told correspondents that at the proper time the Repeal bill would be pushed to the front and passed. By proper time, he explained, he meant that it would be taken up as soon as the leaders in both houses could shape the legislative program so as to admit of consideration of repeal.

Although efforts have been made by some of the House and Senate leaders to postpone action until the short session, beginning next December, in order that a break with the President might not occur before the Congressional and Senatorial elections next fall, the President took the position that a settlement of the question before that time was necessary from the fact that ships will be passing through the waterway before the short sessions begin.

BRONZE MEDAL FOR A DOG.

Dragged His Master From a Gas-Filled Apartment.

New York.—Jim, the great Dane dog belonging to H. T. Gilpin, was presented with a bronze medal by the New York Women's League for Animals for saving the life of his master. On the morning of October 21 last Jim dragged his master from his burning apartment. Gas escaping from a melted fixture had overcome Mr. Gilpin, but he soon revived in the open air, where the dog had dragged him and awakened others in the apartment. Jim is two and one-half years old and weighs 127 pounds.

WOMAN FEDERAL ATTORNEY.

Mrs. Adams Recommended For Place in San Francisco.

San Francisco.—Recommendation that Mrs. A. A. Adams be appointed one of his assistants was forwarded to Washington by John W. Preston, United States district attorney. Mrs. Adams is a graduate of the University of California and a law partner of Miss Marguerite Ogden, a daughter of Judge Ogden, of Alameda county.

NINETEEN HURT IN CRASH.

Street Car Runs Into B. & O. Engine Near Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Nineteen passengers were injured when a street railway car ran into the side of a light engine of the Baltimore and Ohio at Second avenue, Hazelwood, Pa. Mrs. Jessie Peipier, of Munhall, Pa., was internally hurt; the others but slightly.

RACING CAR KILLS VETERAN.

Driver and Mechanician Badly Hurt; Woman Bruised.

Los Angeles, Cal.—A great gray racer picking its course for the Vanderbilt cup race Saturday leaped from the road near the National Soldiers' Home at Sawtelle, killed a Civil War veteran, Louis G. Smith, and injured several other persons. Mrs. A. W. Pipes, of Poison, Mont., was thrown down and bruised, and David Lewis, driver of the car, was badly hurt.

MRS. JOSEPHUS DANIELS



Since her husband became a member of President Wilson's cabinet, Mrs. Josephus Daniels, wife of the secretary of the navy, has made herself one of the best loved women in Washington.

U. S. TROOPS GET CASTILLO

Mexican Bandit Captured on the American Side.

SIX OF HIS MEN SURRENDER

Should the American Officers Do So, He Will Certainly Be Executed For Setting Fire To the Cumbre Tunnel.

Alpasa, Texas.—Maximo Castillo, the Mexican bandit, charged with responsibility for the Cumbre tunnel disaster, in which ten Americans and 41 others lost their lives, was captured 38 miles south of Hachita, N. M., by American troops.

The information was conveyed to Gen. Hugh L. Scott, commandant at Fort Bliss, in an official telegram from Captain White, Ninth United States Cavalry.

With the bandit were six of his followers. According to Captain White's brief dispatch, they surrendered without a fight. They will be brought here.

Castillo, to avoid a range of mountains on the Mexican side, made a detour which brought him into American territory. Captain White was on the watch, having received information from Walter McCormick, American manager of Las Palomas ranch, on the Mexican side, that the much-wanted man was in the vicinity.

Captain White telegraphed by Army wireless to General Scott for instructions, and was ordered to arrest the bandit should he put foot on American soil.

Whether the prisoner shall be surrendered to the rebels is a legal question which remains to be settled. If this is done there is no doubt that he will be executed for the Cumbre disaster. He is not charged with any crime on this side.

Castillo set fire to a freight train in the Cumbre Tunnel two weeks ago. The cars were burning when a passenger train crashed into it and every life aboard was lost. The tunnel is still burning.

A special to the Times from Hachita, N. M., says that the capture was made by Lieutenant Rothwell, of Troop A, and remarks that it was particularly gratifying as coming on the heels of the theft of 18 horses belonging to the regiment by Mexicans on Sunday. The special continues:

"Captain White will ask that Castillo and Capt. Emilio Garcia, a member of the band previously captured, be transported immediately to El Paso, as the number of soldiers on duty here is limited."

Previous reports of Castillo's capture, made to General Villa, proved untrue. The latter expressed his gratification at the capture. General Scott was no less jubilant.

A MAYOR ON A STRIKE.

City Council Would Cut His Salary To 62 Cents a Day.

Mendota, Ill.—Because the city council is attempting to cut his salary from \$2 to 62 cents per day, Mayor Charles Rogers, of Mendota, has gone on a strike, tying up the city's business. Besides refusing to sign any bills or sanction any of the city's transactions, the mayor has threatened to sue the municipality for his pay.

At the time of his election Mayor Rogers understood he was to receive \$300 annually. At a recent meeting of the city council he found his salary was to be only \$225.

SIX INJURED AT FIRE.

Students Of Blackstone Academy Jump From Third Story To Escape Flames.

Blackstone, Va.—Fire, originating in the furnace room of the Blackstone Academy, a preparatory school for boys, gained such headway that the lower floors of the academy were filled with smoke before the alarm was given. Many of the boys made their escape from the flames by leaping from the third floor to a large porch from whence they slid to the ground.

FOUND NOTHING BUT PROSPERITY

Secretaries McAdoo and Houston Return From Tour.

THE CURRENCY BILL PASSED.

Cabinet Officers Issue Statement As Federal Reserve Bank Organization Committee Telling Of Their Trip Around Country.

Washington.—The federal reserve bank organization committee, back in Washington after a five weeks' trip through the country, in a statement announced that its selection of federal reserve cities and definition of reserve districts, would not be made until careful consideration had been given the information accumulated on the trip. The statement said the committee, Secretaries McAdoo and Houston, found the country prosperous and learned that bankers and business men are greatly interested in the new banking system and confident of its success.

In a supplemental statement Mr. McAdoo declared that he hoped the new system would be established in time to take care of crop moving contingencies next year, but that if it were not, the Treasury Department would stand ready to place its funds again at the disposal of business men.

The committee's statement:

"We have spent practically from the 4th of January to the present time in hearing the views of business men and bankers on the problem of dividing the country into not less than eight, nor more than 12, districts and of locating in each district the main office of a federal reserve bank. Of the two questions, the division of the country into districts is the more important and difficult. The committee asked those who appeared before it to direct their attention to these two problems and to furnish all possible information.

Go To Great Trouble.

"A great many able and impartial business men and bankers have submitted their best information and opinions and always in a spirit of great fairness. In preparing their information many of them had gone to the extent of presenting maps showing not only the districts they were interested in, but also the districts for all the nation. The committee has held hearings in 18 cities and has heard from every community of consequence in the sections of the country that it has visited. It has secured a vast deal of information on the movements of trade, as well as on the currents of banking.

"In every section of the country the committee has found a practically unanimous conviction among bankers and business men that the currency bill will bring about most beneficial changes in the business of the country; in fact, the committee heard no one speak who did not say that the measure was a great step in advance. The committee was presented everywhere with overwhelming evidence of the enormous economic strength of the country, and of the rapid progress of every section. The fact that the nation's banking resources, as a whole, make enormous advances every twelve or fifteen years, approximately doubling in each such period, was made evident; while this is true of the country, as a whole, it was shown that certain sections are advancing with more rapid strides than others, and that the country is fundamentally exceptionally sound and strong economically. The facts and figures submitted to the committee in every part of the country show amazing growth and strength and disclose a condition of financial, industrial, commercial and agricultural soundness and prosperity that leaves no doubt as to the future."

UNUSUAL SCENE IN SENATE.

Funeral Services in Honor Of Senator Bacon.

Washington.—Last tribute to the late Senator Augustus O. Bacon, of Georgia, was paid Tuesday by the representatives in Washington of the American people and foreign nations. Funeral services were held in the Senate chamber as an unusual honor to the dead statesman, and joining the houses of Congress in the tribute were the justices of the Supreme Court, members of the President's cabinet, the diplomatic corps, officers of the Army and Navy and others high in official life.

Solemn and impressive as the services were, they were brief, and within 30 minutes after Vice-President Marshall opened the ceremonies, the Senate adjourned as a further mark of respect. Then the body was borne away and placed on a train for Atlanta.

PANIC IN A BANK.

Young Man Fires Revolver When Forged Check Is Refused.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Robert W. Haines, 25 years old, tendered a check for \$16 to a paying teller of the Fidelity Trust Company, and when payment was refused drew a revolver. He fired one shot before he was seized by bystanders. The check was a forgery and Haines was taken to police headquarters. The bank lobby was crowded, and a panic followed the shooting.

SENATOR LEE S. OVERMAN



This is a new photograph of Senator Overman of North Carolina, who is chairman of the senate rules committee and member of six other committees, including that on appropriations.

HONOR MEMORY OF MAINE DEAD

Impressive Services Held at Fort Meyer.

EXERCISES HELD INDOORS.

Snow-Covered Graves At Arlington Cemetery Covered With Flowers and National Salute Is Fired By Bluejackets.

Washington.—Homage to the men of the battleship Maine who lost their lives in the epoch-making catastrophe in Havana Harbor 16 years ago was paid Monday by the Navy and high officers of the nation at Arlington National Cemetery. Snow-covered mounds over the sleeping warriors were decorated with floral tributes and a stanch little vessel plowed through the ice floes of the Potomac to strew sprigs of evergreen on the water. Over the graves a detachment of bluejackets fired three volleys and a national salute and a bugler sounded "taps."

Impressive exercises were held indoors at Fort Meyer, the blizzard making it impossible to carry out the full program arranged for the occasion at the cemetery. Hundreds had braved the freezing blasts, however, to participate in the ceremonies at the graves.

President Wilson, confined by his physician's orders to the White House, sent a beautiful floral tribute. President Menocal, of Cuba, cabled an expression of the reverence of his government for the dead of the Maine. His message expressed deep regret that he could not participate in the services, and added, "but my mind will be with you all, for I have to mourn with you for the brave officers and sailors of the Maine."

Orations were delivered at Fort Meyer by Commander-in-chief Washington Gardner, of the Grand Army of the Republic; Representative Logus, of Pennsylvania; the Rev. Eugene A. Hannan, representing the Rev. Mr. Chadwick, who was chaplain of the Maine, and by John McElroy, of the Army and Navy Union.

Secretary Daniels, of the Navy Department, and the official heads of a number of patriotic organizations were present. John McElroy suggested that the memorial was typical of "all men who on land or sea had given the full measure of devotion to the country's laws by dying under its flag."

Rear Admiral Sigsbee, in command of the Maine when the vessel went to the bottom of Havana harbor, sent from New York a letter of regret that he could not be here. Former President Taft, who was invited to be one of the speakers of the day, also sent regrets.

CHIEF OF SCOTTISH CLAN DEAD.

Prof. Ambrose MacNeil, Artist, Dies At Norfolk, Va.

Norfolk, Va.—Prof. Ambrose MacNeil died at St. Vincent's Hospital, after an illness of about three weeks. Born at St. Stephen, Canada, in 1851, he made the study of art his life work. He studied at Paris and his work became widely known. Upon the death of his father he became chief of the Clan MacNeil of Scotland and Laird of Barra, which gave him the title of "MacNeil of Barra."

YOUTHFUL BRIDE BURGLAR.

Mrs. Anschott, 17, In Boy's Clothes, Aided Husband, 19.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—According to the police, Mrs. Elmer Anschott, 17, confessed to them that she had taken part in many burglaries for which her husband, who is 19 years old, was arrested and held for court. Dressed as a boy, her hair cut short, she stood guard outside the houses he robbed, with a revolver hidden under her coat, they say.

DOCTOR DIXON'S TALK ON HEALTH

State Commissioner Urges, Keep Your Hands Clean

MORAL AND PHYSICAL LAW

Frequent Contact With Infected Materials—Precautions to Avoid Carrying Disease Germs to Mouth—Soap and Bristle Brush Handy.

(Special Harrisburg Correspondence.)

Harrisburg.—In his "Little Talk on Health and Hygiene," State Health Commissioner Samuel G. Dixon dwells upon the necessity of keeping the hands clean. Doctor Dixon says: "Keep your hands clean. It is not without reason that the expression 'his hands are clean' has grown to be a synonym for moral as well as physical cleanliness. The hands are the part of our body most frequently in contact with infected and unclean materials. Unless precautions are observed until they become a habit this will lead to the conveying of disease germs to the mouth either directly or by the handling of food or anything we put into the mouth. Keep soap and a good stiff bristle brush always convenient, and make it a rule to wash your hands thoroughly before each meal; before preparing food or serving it; after the necessary toilet attentions; after attentions to the sick and the handling of articles in a sick room. It is a common thing to find secondary cases of typhoid and other diseases which have resulted from the failure to observe the latter precaution. And if the nurse must act as cook, some disinfectant such as 2 per cent. carbolic solution should be used as well as thoroughly scrubbing the hands with plenty of soap and warm water. The nails should receive particular attention. Washing the hands is one of the simplest yet most important of the precautions which one can take to insure avoiding disease."

Test Scales and Measures.

A carload of scales, weights and measures sent to the State Capitol for verification by the city authorities of Philadelphia is divided between the State Capitol and warehouses in this city, and the force of the State chief of standards is working overtime to standardize the numerous appliances and vessels. Under the law all scales, weights and balances to be used by sealers in the State must be standardized by the official standards furnished by the United States Government to the Department of Internal Affairs. Philadelphia has arranged for sealers, and the consignments have swamped the department. James Sweeney, the chief, has, in addition to the Philadelphia apparatus, the weights and measures from ten other counties in the State to look over.

Great Demand for Books.

Figures prepared by Miss Alice R. Eaton, librarian of the Public Library, show that while the Library contains but 9,000 books for general circulation, a total of 12,000 have been in circulation during the first 25 days since the opening of the new library building. The 90 magazines on file have been read, it is estimated, by 4,500 people, and the story section of the library has been visited by several thousand children. The demand of the school children of the city for books has been so great that the shelves containing juvenile literature are nearly always empty. More books will be purchased.

Capitol Park Extension.

By May 1 there will be 100 fewer buildings in the Capitol Park extension area, lying east of the Capitol, than there are now. Many of these buildings have been purchased already by the Capitol Park Extension Commission, but the occupants have been given until April 1 to vacate. This extension of time was given because of leases which the occupants had at the time the buildings were sold. Of the 527 properties in the park area, 340 have already been purchased.

Tags on State Furniture.

All of the furniture in the State Capitol is to be numbered and marked with a metal tag. This plan has been approved by the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings. A book will be kept in which the location of an article of furniture can be told at a glance. The furniture is now marked by muslin tags pasted on the bottom.

Myerstown Charter.

The State Livestock Sanitary Board declared a quarantine on all dogs in the Borough of Bloomsburg and one adjoining township in Columbia County because of hydrophobia among dogs in that district.

Question Water Bills.

The Public Service Commission has been asked to pass upon the right of a water company to charge a 5 per cent. penalty for failure to pay a quarterly water bill at a specified time. The complaints have been made from York, Charleroi and Donora. This is the first time the question has been raised before the commission. The commission will begin a series of hearings on contracts between public service companies and municipalities, applications for charters and complaints.