

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.

Students of Catawissa High School will give "As You Like It."

Thrown from a sleigh at Bloomsburg, Mrs. John Sterner, of Buckhorn, was severely hurt.

After swallowing 15 headache tablets to get rid of a sick headache, R. W. Stine, of Berwick, almost died.

Calvin Stout, of Lower Nazareth, has been arrested, charged by Peter Anewart with arson.

Dogs broke into the henery on James Fry, of Nazareth, and killed 40 of his prize-winning bantams.

Aged Mrs. Isaac Levan, of East Maun Chunk, fell and fractured her hip.

All the collieries of the Lehigh coal and Navigation Company are working on full time.

R. E. Neumeier, of Bethlehem, has been elected borough engineer of Freemansburg.

Albert Weiss has been elected to the Bethlehem police force to succeed Josiah Weiss, resigned.

Martin Barsch, aged 62, was found dead in his room at the Butztown Hotel, near Easton.

The Fame Fire Company, No. 3, of West Chester, cleared \$2,500 at its recent fair and supper.

Mrs. M. B. Dunkleberger and 15-year-old Sarah Garrison, of Bloomsburg, await trial at Court, accused of selling cigarettes and cigarette paper to boys.

To celebrate her 50 years of residence in the little village of Stockton, Luzerne county, Mrs. Carr entertained many friends on her eighty-ninth birthday anniversary.

Miss Helen B. Ammerman, of Shamokin, has received word of her appointment by the Reformed Church Foreign Missionary Society to go to China.

A probation officer for the Juvenile Court at Bloomsburg will be favored eventually by the recently-organized Children's Aid Society of Columbia county.

Chief Engineer S. D. Foster, of the State Highway Department, has returned from a vacation spent in Europe. He incidentally looked over many of the fine roads abroad.

The Rev. Father Keegan, of Crown, has been appointed rector of the Catholic church at Emporium, to succeed Rev. Father Downey, who has been transferred to Franklin.

The effort to keep secret the name of the donor of the 1500-pound bell for St. Paul's Reformed Church, at Northampton, has failed. He is A. S. Miller, and the bell costs \$600.

The Chamber of Commerce of Altoon is working on plans to make a housing survey of the city. This will be done to interest people to erect new buildings and to improve houses that are on the verge of decay.

John B. Hanlon, of Freeiland, has been appointed by County Coroner Marley as Deputy Coroner for Freeiland and vicinity to succeed Dr. Neal J. Devers, who resigned upon locating in Philadelphia.

Irvin Chapin, of Huntington Valley, who owns a peach farm which last year yielded 10,000 bushels, asserts that he does not expect to have a bushel this year because of the frost, which killed the buds.

Extra sessions of farmers' institutes have been ordered for Bucks, Bradford, Montour and other counties where the recent heavy storms prevented the holding of the usual sessions.

Because they snowballed him, Joseph Bartelle attacked a group of American boys at Berwick; the knife in his hands was turned from the body of Frank Bergolt by a collapsible tin can in his pocket.

There are 30 fourth-class post offices in Clearfield county to be filled this year.

Falling from a freight car in the Reading yards at Tamaqua, Brakeman Rosco Harvey, of Schuylkill Haven, cut off a foot.

Crows are not only killing partridges and rabbits, but opossums are also their prey, as a half-dozen or more robed down on one in a field in Reed township near Duncannon, and picked it to death.

TO UNITE SECTS IN TRUCE OF GOD

Thirty-Seven Branches of Christianity in Move.

FOR A GREAT CONFERENCE.

European Nations Are Asked To Join in the First General Council of Church Since the Reformation.

New York.—The greatest effort in the history of Christianity to unite all the sects of the world which held the Christian faith was proclaimed by a committee representing 37 branches of Christianity in the United States. This committee has no authority to declare Christendom united, but it represents the attempt of the majority of the world's religions to meet, if possible, within the next five years, to combine in a "Truce of God."

In 1910 the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church, convened in Cincinnati, appointed a commission to begin the movement for universal religious peace. This commission received its first endorsement from the late J. P. Morgan, and at once approached the official bodies of all sects with an invitation to join in preparation for the world-wide amalgamation of Christian churches.

During the last four years representatives of 37 sects have reported to the Episcopal commission that they believe in the one people of God throughout the world, and have constituted themselves an advisory committee, endowed with power to invite all the creeds of all nations to confer.

Apart Since Reformation. A general council of all Christendom has not been held since the period known as the Reformation, in the Sixteenth Century, because since that time the various branches of Christianity have done little except to emphasize the theological and liturgical differences by reason of which they had become estranged.

The coming general conference, or Ecumenical Council, as such a gathering was called in the early centuries of Christianity, will meet not to talk of these differences, but to agree on their common beliefs. As a solid college of judges authoritatively constituted for united decisive action the co-operative verdict of the assembly will definitely establish the unity of that part of Christendom which it represents.

U. S. EXPRESS TO LIQUIDATE.

Driven From Business By Parcel Post and Rate Cut.

New York.—Directors of the United States Express Company voted unanimously to liquidate its affairs and dissolve it in the shortest possible time. The resolution under which this action is recommended follows:

"Resolved, That, pursuant to the power and authority conferred upon the board of directors of the United States Express Company by its articles of association, the board unanimously declares that it is for the best interests of the company that the company be dissolved as soon as may be, without awaiting the expiration of its term of existence, and that its business and affairs be settled up and finally adjusted as promptly as may be done. The president is directed to inform the shareholders of the company of said action of the board."

CUTS OUT THE AUTOMOBILES.

Senate Fails To Provide Them For District Officials.

Washington, D. C.—In passing the \$13,000,000 annual appropriation bill for the District of Columbia, the Senate incorporated an amendment to provide that no part of the money should be used to maintain automobiles except for the fire, police or emergency health service. If the House concurs, the amendment will send to storage the some 31 automobiles now used by the district government. Senator John Sharp Williams proposed the restriction, insisting that district officials could use the street cars or pay for their own machines.

ALASKAN RAILROAD BILL SIGNED

Wilson Expresses Gratification At Completion Of Measure.

Washington.—President Wilson signed the bill authorizing the expenditure of \$35,000,000 for the construction of a Government-owned railroad in Alaska. Secretary Lane, of the Interior Department, and members of the Senate and House and others from the Pacific Coast region witnessed the ceremony.

FIND A CURE FOR PARESIS.

London Surgeons Draw Patient's Blood and Inject Serum Into Skull.

London.—Salvarsan is being successfully used here in the treatment of insane paresis sufferers, it was stated. Two cases are under treatment in a hospital. The method is to inject salvarsan in a vein. An hour later the surgeon draws six ounces of the patient's blood and a blood serum is injected into the brain cavity through a hole in the skull.

HARD ONE TO SOLVE



NEW DIPLOMAT IN HOT WATER

Ambassador Page Must Explain His London Speech.

HIS OLD ENEMY AFTER HIM

Ambassador's Reported Definition Of Monroe Doctrine and Remarks On Canal Stir Congress.

Washington.—Walter Hines Page, American Ambassador to Great Britain, was made the target of inquiry in a resolution adopted by the Senate calling upon the Secretary of State to investigate alleged public assertions by the Ambassador relative to the Monroe Doctrine and the Panama Canal.

Senator Chamberlain, aroused over reports of a speech by Ambassador Page in London before the Associated Chambers of Commerce, introduced the resolution of inquiry and his request for immediate consideration resulted in its adoption without debate.

The resolution requests the Secretary of State to procure a copy for the use of the Senate of Ambassador Page's address, and to call upon the Ambassador for evidence upon which he based the alleged statement that "it added greatly to the pleasure of the United States in the building of the Panama Canal to know that the British would profit most by its use."

Particular request is made in the resolution for a verbatim report of that portion of the Ambassador's address in which he is reported to have defined the Monroe Doctrine as meaning merely that "the United States would prefer that no European Governments would gain more land in the New World."

Not Reported Verbatim. After the resolution had been adopted Senators heard of dispatches from London saying the Ambassador's speech was delivered extemporaneously late in the evening and not reported verbatim, and quoting Mr. Page as explaining that his reference to British use of the Panama Canal was in a light vein. It was taken for granted at the Capitol, however, that in response to the State Department's request the Ambassador would furnish his recollection of just what he had said, with the desired explanation.

No attempt to oppose the resolution was made when Senator Chamberlain offered it, the usual custom being to pass such measures as a matter of course. Later in the day a similar resolution was introduced in the House by Representative Murray, of Oklahoma, a Democrat, but it did not get before the body for discussion or action.

FIRST HUSBAND IN PRISON.

Thought It Gave Wife the Right To Take Second Spouse.

Clarksburg, W. Va.—Resulting from her conviction that her first husband's sentence to the penitentiary automatically divorced her, Mrs. Theodora Fisher, of Center Point, Doddridge county, is on trial in the Criminal Court here under a bigamy charge. Several months ago she was married in this county to Stewart W. Cobb, while her first husband, Harry H. Fisher, of Salem, was serving a sentence in the State prison at Moundsville for the murder of her brother, Frank Asher, a few years ago at Salem.

THIS UNKISSED HUBBY REBELS.

Jersey Man Asks Divorce After Fifteen Years.

Jersey City.—John E. Orchard, of Plainfield, testified in his action for divorce that his wife never kissed him in the fifteen years they lived together. He said he had given his wife his salary every month and she doled out \$2 or \$3 for his carfare and newspapers. He declared he found a revolver with which she had threatened to kill him. They separated in 1903.

THE BETROTHAL ANNOUNCED.

President Confirms Report Of Second White House Romance.

Washington, D. C.—"The President and Mrs. Wilson announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Eleanor Randolph, to Hon. William Gibbs McAdoo." This announcement was issued at the White House by Secretary Tumulty after a day of speculation in capital official and society circles over the prospects of another White House wedding in June.

SEGEL INDICTED FOR BANK CRASH

His Partner, Vogel, Also Accused of Grand Larceny.

BOTH ARE RELEASED ON BAIL.

Segel, On Stand When Bad News Comes, Pales and Stammers Replies To Questions In Presence Of Near-Rioting Depositors.

New York.—While Henry Segel, the head of large department stores in New York, Chicago and Boston, was testifying in a riotous bankruptcy hearing in the Federal Building the grand jury that has been investigating the failure of the Segel stores in New York and the savings bank conducted in connection with them returned three joint indictments against him and his partner in the banking enterprise, Frank F. Vogel.

Segel and Vogel were notified of the indictments while they were still in the Federal Building. Both were taken to the Criminal Courts Building, where they were arraigned on the charges and later released on \$25,000 bail each.

Three hundred angry depositors, who had been forcibly ejected from the bankruptcy hearing, hunted around the Federal Building for Segel in vain. At the time they were looking for him to ask him some questions he and his banking partner were standing before Judge Rosalsky pleading "not guilty."

One of the indictments charges Segel and Vogel with grand larceny in that they made false statements to the Bank of Commerce in order to borrow \$25,000. The other indictments allege that the two bankers accepted deposits when they knew the bank of Henry Segel & Co. to be insolvent.

PENNSY TO BURY WIRES.

Railroad To Have Conduits From Gotham To Philadelphia.

Philadelphia.—Steps toward placing its telegraph and telephone wires between this city and New York in underground conduits were taken here by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The board of directors appropriated \$300,000 to replace in vitrified brick conduits 25 miles of wires torn down by the recent storm, and work will begin immediately between Rahway and Trenton. More than 70 miles of wiring was torn down between here and New York, and it required the work of thousands of men to restore traffic.

THE NEW TEXAS IN COMMISSION.

Largest Warship Afloat Turned Over To U. S. Government.

Norfolk, Va.—With elaborate ceremonies held on the snow-covered decks, the dreadnought Texas, the largest warship in the world, was formally turned over to the United States Government at the Norfolk Navy Yard. With her sailors and officers lined up on the quarter deck, Capt. A. W. Grant, her commander, delivered one of the shortest addresses on record. He said: "I desire to say that every man is expected to give to the Texas that spirit of devotion to duty which is necessary to make this ship a success."

OBJECTS TO EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

Woman Appeals To Supreme Court To Set It Aside.

Washington.—A lone woman appealed to the Supreme Court to set aside the California Eight-Hour Woman Labor Law as unconstitutional. She is Miss Ethel E. Nelson, graduate pharmacist in the Samuel Merritt Hospital in Alameda county, Cal., and contends that if the law is enforced a man will take her place. The hospital also has attacked the law, because it applies to student nurses, but not to graduate nurses or women working in the fruit industries.

MEMORIAL FROM ROCKEFELLER.

Oil King To Leave \$50,000,000 For Cleveland Foundation.

Cleveland, O.—That John D. Rockefeller is the guiding genius behind the Cleveland Foundation, recently launched by F. R. Goff, president of the Cleveland Trust Company, and that the oil king plans to leave not less than \$50,000,000 to the trust fund, the income of which would be used for bettering Cleveland, was the substance of a report in circulation among bankers here. Mr. Goff was out of the city and could not be seen on the question.

GEORGE WESTINGHOUSE DEAD.

Stood in World's Forefront In Engineering and Invention.

New York.—George Westinghouse, a foremost figure in the world of engineering and inventor of the airbrake that bears his name, died at his residence in this city. Heart disease manifested itself about 15 months ago and the end came a few hours after it became publicly known that Mr. Westinghouse was seriously ill. He was in his 68th year.

GIRL RESCUED FROM MINE TOMB

Unconscious From Injuries, She Escapes Death Miracle

ALIVE AFTER 100-FOOT FALL

Walking Along Mountain Path With Others Miss Doyle Sank From Cave-In—Miners Pulled Her to the Surface.

Shamokin.—After Mary Doyle, a 17-year-old schoolgirl, had fallen 100 feet down a mine breach near the Richards colliery, she found herself in total darkness and almost frightened to death. She was also covered with bruises. She had been walking along a mountain path, talking to several girl friends, when the path caved in. She was in the lead, and as she sank from sight her companions barely escaped. Close behind the girls was John Back, a miner, on his way home from work. Hearing Miss Doyle's friends call for help, he ran to the scene, called to the missing girl and was overjoyed to hear her faintly answer. She told him she had fallen a long distance, but did not think any of her limbs had been broken. Back told her to remain as quiet as possible, whereupon he ran to a house and procured a clothesline. Again reaching the cave-in, he lowered one end of the rope to Miss Doyle, who faintly told him she was too weak to tie it about her. Several miners appeared, tied the rope about Back and lowered him fully 100 feet, until he found the girl, who had become unconscious. He tied her about her and had the men pull her up, after which he also was drawn to the surface. Miss Doyle was resuscitated and taken home, where doctors found she was badly bruised.

Best Year in Soft Coal.

Pittsburgh.—The Pittsburgh Coat Company, with an increase of \$700,786 in net earnings for 1913 has just closed its best year since 1907. A report made to the annual meeting in Jersey City shows that the gross earnings from all sources were \$5,421,702, an increase over 1912 of \$729,274, or 12.8 per cent., and the net earnings, after all proper charges, including full depreciation, were \$2,726,265, against \$2,025,483, in 1912, and \$2,585.59 in 1907. The year's net gain of \$700,786, or 35 per cent., in the excess of 10 per cent. on the preferred stock outstanding, after payment of an increase in tax, personal injury settlements and marine losses over 1912 of \$287,000. These profits came from a total tonnage produced and handled, including coke, of 24,704,204 net tons, an increase over 1912 of 644,822, or 2.65 per cent. The report says a conservative expectation of results for 1914 is warranted, although there has come a more general feeling of encouragement, with some improvement in demand.

Kills Three on Tracks.

Pottstown.—Three alien employes of the Reading Railway were killed when a light locomotive struck them. They lived in bunk cars near the cold storage plant, and while returning from Royersford were struck. The engineer saw the three men walking on the tracks, but not until it was too late to stop his engine. All the men were married and have families in Italy. Their names are: Giovanni Desimone, Vincenzo d'Alfonso and Mariano Dipardo, and the latter had entered the service of the company the day before. His two friends had gone with him to Royersford to purchase a cot and bedding and were returning home when they were killed.

Memorial Tablet Unveiled.

Marietta.—At the session of borough council, the new council chamber was used for the first time. President U. Grant Hipple, presiding. The memorial tablet erected during the past few months was unveiled. The carpenter work was done by George H. Shields, and the artistic painting and lettering by J. R. Henry, of Columbia. It is inscribed at the top, "Marietta Centennial, 1813-1912, and contains the names of first chief burgesses, town clerk, councilmen and municipal officers of 1812, and the present officials. The first chief burgess was David Cook, and the burgess in 1912 was John Kugle.

For Simpler Student Garb.

West Chester.—At a meeting of the School Directors of this town a resolution was adopted requesting boys not to wear dress suits, and girls to observe simplicity in their dress at the class day and commencement exercises in June next, as well as at other social events in the High School.

Silver-Gray Fox Shot.

Sunbury.—Northumberland county commissioners were surprised when they were called upon to pay \$4 bounty for a scalp of a silver-gray fox, a species that is rare in this vicinity. It was shot in Lower Mahanoy township by William Lehr. He said he refused \$50 for the skin. Lehr also had two weasel scalps, which are worth \$4 each in bounties, making his day's work, \$12 for the bounties and the \$50 offered for the hide of the fox, make a total of \$62.