

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.

Sunbury will have a \$40,000 Y. M. C. A.

Billmeyer, Lancaster county, is quarantined for smallpox.

J. H. McGee has been appointed postmaster at South Bethlehem.

W. C. Sampson has sent in his resignation as superintendent of Bethlehem schools.

Falling from a second-story window at Shamokin, Violet Doblose, a girl, was fatally injured.

Hazleton's commission form of government does not increase the city's tax rate.

The valuation of real estate in Lancaster county for taxation is \$191,780,751, an increase of \$1,000,000.

Court at Sunbury divorced H. W. Ammerman because his wife insisted on living in Philadelphia.

The Somerset Board of Trade by a unanimous vote has requested Council to pass a curfew ordinance.

Jolted from a freight car at Bowers Station, Robert Oswald sustained serious scalp lacerations and ugly bruises of the face.

Mrs. Anna Wise, 84 years old, of Lancaster, picked a pimple with a pin, blood poisoning developed and she died in 24 hours.

Foreigners are leaving the Hazleton coal fields for Europe in great numbers, attracted by the cut in ocean rates.

Michael Kodesha suffered punctured lungs when his ribs were broken by a fall of coal at a Beaver Meadow mine.

George E. Zerfoss has been re-elected superintendent of the public schools in Clearfield for a term of three years.

The Volunteer Firemen's Relief Association of Wellshoro starts with a fund of \$100, the gift of Mrs. Sarah Williams, of that borough.

A. P. Way, of Buffalo, has received from England a pen of white Wyanettes, which are noted for their egg-laying. They were shipped February 25 and were 15 days on the journey.

John Nisley, of Lancaster, returning from a fox chase, broke through the ice on the Susquehanna River and was saved from drowning by his companion.

A \$2,000 pipe organ, one-half of which amount was donated by Andrew Carnegie, is being installed in Bethany United Evangelical Church, at Tamaqua.

The Executive Board of District 7 of the United Mine Workers has decided to place men at each session of the examining boards that grant inspectors' certificates.

After being closed five years, the plant of the Sergeant Glass Company, at Sergeant, formerly owned by the Mississippi Glass Company, has started operations with 100 men.

Colonel Harry Trexler, of Allentown, who raises deer, and also has a fine peach orchard and a buffalo ranch, has sent a fine dog to City Solicitor D. J. Davis, of Wilkes-Barre, to be presented to Nay Aug Park.

Yearning for an education all his life, but denied the boon because of the necessity of entering the mines to work at an early age, William C. Jones, 65 years old, of West Scranton, has graduated at the "Tech" High School with 80 per cent in grammar, penmanship and spelling, and will go to High School next term. Mr. Jones was born in Glamorgan-shire, Wales. He went to work in the mines at an early age and in 1870 he came to America, locating in Scranton and securing a job as a miner in the Diamond mine of the Lackawanna Company. He worked himself up to be fire boss of the mine, retiring four years ago. His wife died two years ago.

St. Clair was the scene of a gala religious ceremonial in the breaking of ground for a new \$30,000 parochial school.

The editor of The Brookville Republican has taken another look at the town fountain and makes this caustic comment: "Not kneeling, of course, but merely reiterating, we rise to remark that the town fountain, Harriett Amelia, is still wearing her glass bonnet at a jag angle possibly as a delicate affirmation that the county is still wet."

WANTS RANGERS WHO CAN SHOOT

Texan Governor Stirred by Latest Mexican Outrage.

AMERICAN KIDNAPPED

Cameron County Citizens Appeal To the Governor For Protection Against Mexican Marauders.

Austin, Tex.—Reports of new disorders along the Mexican border, including the attempted kidnapping of an American citizen by five Mexicans, caused Governor O. B. Colquitt to order the ranger force recruited with "men who can shoot."

"I have instructed Captain Hughes to look for more men suited for the ranger service. My instructions to him are to get men who can shoot and will shoot when necessary," said Governor Colquitt.

Captain Hughes commands the ranger force, which has headquarters at Raymondville, Cameron county, in the extreme southeastern section of the State, Brownsville, opposite Matamoros, Mexico, is the county seat. Cameron county citizens asked the Governor for protection. Several filibustering expeditions have been reported this week operating along that part of the Texas border.

Two telegrams formed the basis of the Governor's action in ordering the Ranger force increased. The first reported the kidnapping of an American, Charles Ballard, by five Mexicans, near Carrizo Springs. The second was the petition from Cameron county citizens.

Ballard was tied by the Mexicans and hustled to the border, according to the report made to the Governor, but while the party was crossing the Rio Grande, he cut the rope which held him and escaped by diving. Ballard's captors shot at him without effect several times and then made good their escape. Sheriff Gardner, of Dimmitt county, went in pursuit with a posse, and the rangers and United States Army border patrol also began a search for the men, but they were thought to have escaped into Mexico.

The Cameron county petition declared "murder and robbery are being committed freely," and appealed for Ranger protection. The killing of two men, in both instances wealthy Mexicans, was cited.

The kidnapping was reported by W. T. Kardner, sheriff of Dimmitt county, of which Carrizo Springs is the county seat. The town is about 35 miles from the border.

SECRETARY BRYAN FIFTY-FOUR.

Guests Drink Grape Juice To His Health.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Bryan's guests drank his health in grape juice at the reception Thursday afternoon in honor of his fifty-fourth birthday. The guests of honor were Mr. Bryan's associates in the State Department. Mrs. Bryan and Secretary Bryan received alone. Mrs. John E. Osborne, wife of the assistant secretary of state, presided at the tea table, and the wives of the officials of the department assisted in the dining-room. Secretary Bryan celebrated his birthday anniversary, receiving congratulations of colleagues and friends. He had expected to celebrate the event by signing peace treaties with Brazil, Argentina and Chili, but the conventions were not prepared in time.

SHE DISGUISED HERSELF TO ROB.

Woman in Man's Attire Caught Thieving in Freight Car.

Fairmont, W. Va.—Mrs. Ethel Graham, dressed in man's clothing, accompanied by J. B. Albaugh, was caught robbing a Baltimore and Ohio freight car in the local yards. Officer Gibson, of the company, caught them in the act. They were brought to the county jail, where they await a hearing. Albaugh's home was searched and large quantities of goods were found. The railroad company has been losing much stuff of late and it is believed that the culprits who have been taking the goods are now under arrest.

CANDIDATE BY ELIMINATION.

William E. Lee, Republican, For Governor Of Minnesota.

Minneapolis, Minn.—William E. Lee, of Long Prairie, was chosen as the Republican candidate for governor to be supported by those opposed to the present state administration, at the "elimination" conference. Mr. Lee was chosen on the first ballot, receiving 561 votes of the 976 cast. He was declared the unanimous candidate of the convention.

PERFUME FOR FAIR VOTERS.

To Take Place Of Cigars At Campaign Meeting.

Chicago.—In an effort to get women voters to attend a campaign meeting, members of the Twenty-fifth Ward Democratic Club announced that bottles of perfume will be distributed as souvenirs instead of the customary campaign cigars. They also announced that lace curtains will adorn the windows in the club rooms as a special mark of courtesy to the women.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH



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THE BULGARIAN QUEEN COMING

Eleonora's Visit to United States Set for May.

WILL HAVE A LARGE PARTY

She Will Be the First Reigning Sovereign Ever To Come To This Country—Likely To Embark On the Imperator.

Sofia.—It has been definitely decided that Queen Eleonora of Bulgaria, accompanied by an extensive suite, will visit the United States next May. The trip will probably be begun about the middle of May and it will last six or eight weeks. Details of the length of the stay of the Queen and her entourage in America and the itinerary of the trip are now being worked out. During her stay in the United States the Queen hopes to deliver a series of lectures in the principal cities with the object of placing before the American public the real position of Bulgaria regarding the late war. She will also make an appeal for help in behalf of the thousands of refugees now starving in Bulgaria. A representative of the Queen will leave for New York within the next few days to arrange details.

The visit is the result of the deep interest in the United States which King Ferdinand and Queen Eleonora have long held and which has been strengthened by the close association of the King and Queen with the American surgeons who were in charge of the Bulgarian hospitals during the recent war.

It was at first reported that King Ferdinand himself proposed to visit the United States in 1915, but the Queen's intense desire to make the trip, coupled with the fact that her visit will relieve the United States of the diplomatic embarrassments of a state visit from an actual reigning monarch, resulted in her wish being granted.

It is probable that Queen Eleonora will proceed from Sofia to Hamburg as a German princess. There she will embark, if her arrangements will fit in, on the steamship Imperator. The suite of Queen Eleonora will include, in addition to some diplomatists, aides-de-camp from the smartest guard regiments and ladies in waiting, who will wear their picturesque native costumes. Queen Eleonora will be the first reigning sovereign of Europe to visit the United States.

A. B. & O. ENGINE HITS STATION.

One Man Killed and Four Probably Fatally Injured.

Washington, Pa.—One trainman was killed and four others were hurt, probably fatally, when a freight engine on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad jumped the track and crashed into the West Washington Station, near here. The injured are hurt so badly that it is not believed they will live.

LITTLE BOY KILLED BY FRIGHT.

Flock of Geese Scare 10-Year-Old Lad To Death.

Racine, Wis.—A physician said that Frank Chumik, 10 years old, was scared to death by the honking of a flock of geese, which appeared suddenly while he was playing at his home. The boy, who had a weak heart, died shortly after the geese had frightened him into convulsions.

USE COTTON AS ARMOR PLATE.

Colonel Thornton Presents a New Scheme To Daniels.

Washington, D. C.—Cotton as battle-ship armor plate is the dream of Col. M. L. Thornton, who called upon Secretary Daniels at the Navy Department, and laid the scheme before him. The Colonel says he has a secret process for flattening out cotton bales so they will resist any gun fire. He hopes the Navy Department will investigate his plan.

A TRAIN BANDIT GETS \$20,000

Lone Robber Holds Up Express Messenger in Texas.

HIDDEN IN BAGGAGE CAR.

Thief Had Learned Lumber Company Was Sending Money Over Santa Fe For Pay Roll Use.

Beaumont, Texas.—After bundling the messenger, Reb Martin, into a gunny sack, a masked man robbed the express car attached to northbound Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe passenger train No. 202 of currency estimated to aggregate between \$15,000 and \$20,000 and escaped from the train at the village of Helbig, 12 miles north of Beaumont.

Express company officials refused to discuss the robbery. The amount obtained was estimated by officials of a Houston lumber concern which had made shipments of money aboard the train to be used in paying their employees at camps along the road.

The train was bound from Houston to Centre Texas and it is believed the robber secreted himself in the express car before the train left Houston. Martin said the man, who apparently was middle-aged, leaped from behind a pile of baggage shortly after the train left Beaumont, demanded the messenger's keys, and when Martin refused, bound and thrust him into the sack.

The region through which the train was passing at the time of the robbery is heavily wooded and sparsely settled. When Martin failed to appear during the stop at Silsbee, several miles north of Helbig, the train crew forced the express car door, which had been locked by the robber.

THAW AN EXPENSIVE FUGITIVE.

Efforts To Get Him Back To Matteawan Cost \$38,400.

Albany, N. Y.—The expense bill provided by Attorney General Carmody in connection with the state's efforts to get Harry K. Thaw back to Matteawan includes the following fees to lawyers: William T. Jerome, \$25,000; Bernard Jacobs, Lancaster, N. H., \$5,000; Jacobs, Hall, Couture & Fitch, Montreal, \$5,000; Hector Verret, Coatscook, \$1,500; Case Casgrain, Montreal, \$1,000; Jacob Nicol, Sherbrooke, \$900. The fees of Mr. Jerome and Mr. Jacobs cover "not only past services rendered, but also any future services in reference to this case."

FIRST BOYS' COURT OPENED.

Social Workers Celebrate Chicago Innovation.

Chicago, Ill.—Chicago's Boys' Court, said to be the first tribunal of its kind in the world, was opened as a branch of the municipal judicial system. The court will deal with cases of boys between 17 and 21 years of age. Its object is to keep the boys from contact with mature criminals and to give their cases sympathetic consideration. It is said that nearly three thousand boys will be tried in this court every year. The opening of the court was made the occasion of a celebration by church, social and philanthropic workers.

DEMANDS \$1,000 FOR BOY.

Letter Mystifies Police Hunting McCarrick.

Philadelphia.—Police activity in the case of Warren McCarrick was renewed as the result of a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. James McCarrick, his parents, telling them he is safe and well, but demanding \$1,000 ransom for his return. The letter was received at the McCarrick home and was immediately turned over to the police. Opinions differ as to the letter. Some of the detectives think it the work of someone who is trying to perpetrate a hoax. Others believe it genuine.

MAN'S REMAINS BY PARCEL POST.

Ashes Shipped To Germany Via U. S. Mail.

New Rochelle, N. Y.—The remains of a dead man were shipped from this city to Posen, Germany, via parcel post. This is the first time that such a strange package has passed through the local postoffice. The remains were the ashes of the late Count Gromaz von Gornadzinski, who died in this city on February 14. The ashes were collected in a cylindrical-shaped box, which weighed five pounds and was consigned to the relatives in the Fatherland.

TO BE NO RIOTING THIS TIME.

Sylvester Promises Ample Protection For Suffrage Parade.

Washington, D. C.—Major Sylvester, chief of police of Washington, has promised ample protection for the suffrage parade on May 9. He says that there will be no repetition of the annoyances from the crowds which occurred at the last parade, March 3, 1913. The parade will be conducted under the auspices of the Congressional Union for Woman's Suffrage.

CHILDREN SAVE HISTORIC OAK

Darby Tree That Sheltered Washington on Fire

PATRIOTIC GIRLS AND BOYS

Father of His Country Rested on the Way to Chadd's Ford Where He Meet the British in Battle.

Darby.—Patriotic school children, girls and boys alike, in Darby, made heroic efforts to save the old Blumston Oak, a 400-year-old tree under which Washington rested, for the ancient oak had been maliciously set on fire by several boys. Rushing to Darby creek, 50 feet distant, the pupils carried water in their hats, tin cans and other vessels, and one of them ran over to the fire house of the Darby Fire Company No. 1, and gave the alarm. The firemen extinguished the blaze, but not until the tree was badly damaged. Washington and Lafayette rested under the far-spreading branches of the old tree on a hot Sunday in August, 1777, while the former was on his way to meet the British at Chadd's Ford, where he was defeated and Lafayette wounded. His ragged army of 16,000 Continentals forded Darby Creek within 50 feet of it.

Fights Main Line Cop.

Wayne.—An exciting chase of several squares by a policeman after an escaped prisoner from the Radnor township police station, ending in a five-minute tussle in the busiest portion of Wayne, enlivened this Main Line suburb. The prisoner, Edward Farley, was arrested, charged with breach of the peace in an altercation between him and Thomas Scott, cashier of a grocery store. Farley was taken to the station house, before Captain Mulhall, who ordered him locked up. On the first floor Farley leaped for the door and was some distance away before the policeman realized it. The cop caught the man near the Lancaster pike and Wayne avenue and the pair fought back and forth across the street for some time, while a large crowd gathered before the policeman subdued Farley with the "blacklock" of the arm across the back, a bit of jiu-jitsu.

Judge on Evils of Drink.

Wayne.—Judge Isaac Johnson, of Delaware county, denounced the liquor traffic in an address here before the Saturday Club, a woman's organization. He made an eloquent appeal for greater participation by women in juvenile court and its associated preventive work. "In my experience," he said, "I have found that much crime comes from a certain stratum—not a criminal class as such—but people whose homes suffer the great evils of poverty and ignorance, and I might add, intemperance. I received a letter from a woman recently, and she blamed me for placing this burden so positively on the women, and then, on my part, granting licenses. I do not find fault with her point of view; but nevertheless I say that the task is one for the women."

Optimistic View of Steel.

Pottstown.—There is a cheering spirit of optimism in the view taken of present and future industrial conditions by H. H. McClintic, president of the McClintic-Marshall Construction Company, which has large plants here and at Pittsburgh. "I do not think that the tariff will have a permanent depressing effect in our steel business," Mr. McClintic declared. "Of course, there may be some billets or that grade of steel sold here by foreign makers, but I do not look for any heavy inroads. Last year our company had a larger output than any year in its history, with one exception, December was the best similar month we ever experienced."

Pardons a Court Menace.

West Chester.—Samuel Hagans, of Coatesville, who had written to Judge Butler a letter, threatening him if he granted any liquor licenses, was arrested and brought into the Court room. Judge Butler gave him a severe lecture, and permitted him to go without punishment, under the belief that the culprit was temporarily insane when he wrote the letter.

Drop Nurses With Doctors.

York.—Details of how the Board of Directors of the York Hospital, in addition to dismissing Drs. E. W. Meisenholder and J. H. Bennett from the staff for alleged disloyalty, have punished graduate nurses for testimony they gave to the committee of the Woman's Club of York in its investigation of alleged mismanagement at the institution, leaked out. Four nurses have been suspended for varying periods.

Chicken Thieves Plead.

Penbrook.—Several hundred people came from miles around to attend the hearing of William Latchaw and David Lyter, who had been charged with stealing chickens from A. E. Enders, a florist and trucker. A great deal of interest was taken in the case, because of the fact that considerable chicken thieving has been going on in this vicinity during the winter months. Justice of the Peace McGarvey said it was the biggest crowd that ever attended any of his hearings. Both defendants plead guilty.