

KEYSTONE STATE IN SHORT ORDER

All Pennsylvania Gleaned for Items of Interest.

CLASS DAY EXERCISES.

Explosion Of Coffee In a Dinner Pail May Cause the Loss Of Sight Of Aaron Sauerbeer—Other Live News.

John L. Rosenberger, of Lower Richland, left \$500 to Flatland Menonite Church.

Joseph Krentestl, of Coatesville, shot and killed himself as his wife and child looked on.

John Snyder, a railroad employe, thirty-two years old, shot and killed himself, in Lebanon, at his home.

A No-License League, organized at Manheim, has united with the Lancaster County Organization.

The advantages and disadvantages of an automobile to the farmer were discussed by the Bedminster Farmers' Club at its monthly meeting.

The degree team of Alpha Camp, Woodmen of the World, initiated a class of forty belonging to the Bethlehem camp.

Irvin Hummel, Helfenstein, fell under a trip of wagons at Locust Spring Colliery. His legs were so badly crushed that he will likely die.

Falling while at work in the Fehr & O'Rourke stone quarry, at Reading, John Frenniah was injured so that he died.

The class day exercises of the Paradise Township High School were held at Paradise. The speaker was Chester A. Diller, of Lancaster.

The Home Association, Birdsboro Nest of Orioles, wiped out their debt by holding a bonfire and burning the bonded papers.

Eight-year-old Vera Hilbert, was struck by a trolley car, as she stepped from the pavement to cross the street near her home, at Catawqua, and was probably fatally injured.

Captain William Heffner, former superintendent of schools, at Centralia, now a travelling salesman, announced himself as a candidate for Congress in the Sixteenth District.

Postmaster James M. Hamilton has received instructions from Washington to have improvements made to the Chester Post Office Building, which will cost between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

State Legislature candidates for Mifflin county are: Ex-Postmaster William F. Eckbert, Jr., Republican; Attorney M. M. McLaughlin, Democrat, and E. T. Rhodes, Washington party.

Depressed and out of work, John Dean, an Allentown painter fifty years old, took a big dose of laudanum, declaring he wanted to follow his wife in death.

Plans for the erection of a ten thousand dollar annex to the Watts public school building have been approved by the Building Committee of the Chester School Board.

Professor John S. Simons, of Marietta, for several years principal of the Maytown High School, has been selected the head of the schools at DuBois, Pa.

An explosion of a coffee receptacle in a dinner pail may cause the loss of sight of Aaron Sauerbeer, a P. & R. brakeman, of Harrisburg. Sauerbeer was heating coffee on a small stove in the caboose.

John J. Hamilton, of Butte City, Montana, who left Mauch Chunk thirty-one years ago, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Thomas Dougherty. It is the first time they have seen each other in that time.

Eddie Arthur, of Copley, ten years old, picked up a railroad torpedo and was dazed by companions to hit it with a stone. He received a fractured right thumb, a badly cut left eye, and a hole was blown in his left leg.

In the absence of money specially appropriated, the government, it is said, will take no part in the unveiling of the \$100,000 memorial arch erected by the United States at Valley Forge.

One hundred and thirty-seven voters of Lower Heidelberg Township, petitioned the court to be allowed to present before the voters the question of whether the township should be divided into two political districts.

William Lill and Robert Hall, sold their homes, at Summit Hill, and left in an automobile for Oregon, where they will take up a Government homestead. Lill has no family, but Hall has a wife and several children, the oldest of which is a boy twelve, whom he took with him.

WILSON WINS OPENING FIGHT

The Majority is in His Favor in Toll Battle.

CLOTURE RULE ADOPTED.

Speaker Clark, Representative Underwood and Others Voice Strong Opinions On Repeal, But the White House is Victorious.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson won the opening skirmish of the greatest legislative battle of his Administration when the House, over bitter protests from the recognized Democratic leaders and almost solid minority opposition, adopted a special rule for the consideration of the bill repealing the free tolls provision of the Panama Canal act.

Speaker Clark, Democratic Leader Underwood, Republican Leader Mann and Progressive Leader Murdock were at the head of those lined up against the Administration, but the House responded to the President's personal appeal for prompt consideration of the repeal bill as a means of supporting his Administration's foreign policy.

Two votes demonstrated the President's commanding influence with his party in Congress on the first test, a motion to end debate and preclude amendment on the rule, carried by a vote of 207 to 176; the rule itself was adopted by 200 to 172.

Nothing to compare with the scene had occurred in the House since the famous Cannon rules fight four years ago. In vain Representative Underwood took the floor and urged his colleagues to vote against the rule. The rank and file Democrats, after listening to three hours of passionate argument, swung into the President's column, 199 of them voting to prevent the amendment of the special rule, while only 55 followed the leader in going with the minority in opposition. Administration supporters considered the crucial point passed, and jubilantly predicted the passage of the repeal bill itself by a majority of more than 100.

Following the announcement of Speaker Clark against the rule, high feeling had appeared on both sides of the controversy and every influence available was brought to bear on the doubtful ones in the House.

MT. AIRY HAS \$100,000 FIRE.

Fire Starts in Boiler Room of a Milling Company.

Mount Airy, Md.—Fanned by a stiff breeze from the southwest, a fire which started in the boiler-room of the Farmers' Milling and Grain Company shortly before noon Wednesday practically wiped out the business district, and for a time threatened to spread to the residential section. Telephone and telegraph communication with the outside world was practically cut off for several hours. Ten buildings, including the First National Bank of Mt. Airy, two mills and a large ice plant, were destroyed. Several other buildings nearby were partly burned. The damage will reach \$100,000, partly covered by insurance. The origin of the blaze is a mystery.

QUEEN ELEANORÉ SAILS MAY 21.

Consort of Bulgaria's King Coming To the United States.

Sofia.—Queen Eleanore of Bulgaria announced that she will start on the visit to America on May 21, sailing for New York on board the steamer Kaiserin Auguste Victoria from Hamburg. King Ferdinand will also visit America, but later if the present plans hold good. He intends to go to the San Francisco Exposition. Queen Eleanore will be the first reigning queen to visit the United States. She intends to make a study of American institutions and people, in which she has always been greatly interested.

JUST SEEMED LONGER.

Explanation Of Idea That Married Folk Lived Longer.

New York.—"The old idea that married people lived longer than single folk may have originated from the fact that it seemed longer," said James M. Craig, Jr., of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, in discussing the statement announced at the Life Underwriters' Association dinner, that single people lived longer than married. The statements made at the dinner by Arthur Hunter only applied to insured people, and are based on joint investigation by medical societies and actuaries.

HURLS HIMSELF DOWN BUILDING.

Bridge Engineer Is Dead Before Body Is Caught On Eleventh Floor.

New York, N. Y.—Robert Friedman, a bridge engineer, climbed to the twenty-fifth story of the new Municipal Building and hurled himself down the six-foot-square stairway well. His body ricocheted from one side of the shaft to the other, breaking every bone and killing him before he was caught by one leg on the baluster on the eleventh floor.

PRUNING TIME



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IS NOT YET OUT OF THE WOODS

British Premier Still Has Serious Obstacles Ahead.

ARMY SITUATION IS CLOUDED

The Adjutant General Has Also Quit, Though It Is Stated That Both Of Them Have Yielded To Persuasion.

London.—The air is full of extravagant rumors, among the most credible being the report that Colonel Seeley is, after all, to quit the War Office by an exchange of portfolios with Lewis Harcourt, secretary for the colonies.

The only new facts in the situation were to be found in the resignation of Field Marshal Sir John French, chief of the Imperial General Staff, and Sir John Spencer Ewart, adjutant general, from the Army Council. The rumor persists that other members of the Army Council have resigned, but this cannot be confirmed.

Negotiations and conferences between Buckingham Palace, the War Office and Downing street were carried on throughout the day, and it was known that the strongest efforts were being made to induce Field Marshal French and Gen. Ewart to reconsider their action. The Prime Minister called a hurried meeting of the cabinet at his residence after it was decided to postpone the statement to Parliament.

Later it was announced, with a show of authority, that both French and Ewart had at last consented to withdraw their resignations.

In Ireland no change has occurred. Belfast remains quiet and, although it is asserted that the officers at the Curragh camp are determined to resign because of the repudiation of Colonel Seeley's guarantee by the government, on actual resignations so far as is known have occurred.

According to the best information, the conference at the War Office of all the principal commanding generals of the army was called to enable Generals French and Ewart to explain that their resignation was a personal matter, arising solely from the fact that they signed the Gough memorandum, which the government had since repudiated, and they urged that all the other officers should remain at their posts.

GIRLS REBEL AT TUB PLAN.

Parents Aroused, Too, At Plea For Bath In School.

New York, N. Y.—Great indignation is being expressed by Hoboken parents of girl students in Hoboken pre-natal schools because A. G. Traus, the principal, has applied to the Board of Trustees to place a bath tub in the building. Professor Traus asserts that some of the 300 or more girl students are accustomed to yearly baths. The students are indignant. The trustees have not decided how to act on the request.

B. F. KEITH DROPS DEAD.

Vaudeville Magnate Succumbs On 20th Anniversary Of Theatre.

Palm Beach, Fla.—B. F. Keith, who established vaudeville in this country, dropped dead of heart failure in the Breaker's Hotel. His death occurred on the twentieth anniversary of the opening of his Boston house, while the anniversary was being celebrated brilliantly there. He was 68 years old.

TAKE TEA ON HORSEBACK.

Unique Event Staged At Riding and Hunt Club, Washington.

Washington, D. C.—A unique tea was given at the Riding and Hunt Club when fair questriennes and their escorts drank their tea on horseback and rode around the course in what was called a "music ride." Stately figures and difficult evolutions were performed to the stirring music of the Fort Meyer engineer band.

TORREON STILL HOLDING OUT

Reports From Federal and Rebel Sources Conflict.

VILLA NOT YET IN CITY.

Mexico City Puts Constitutionalist Losses At 2,000—City Bound To Fall, Say Rebel Advisers.

El Paso, Texas.—Conflicting reports have the situation at Gomez Palacio and Torreon one for conjecture.

General Villa telegraphed to Manuel Chao at Juarez that he had been in possession of Gomez Palacio since Thursday morning and predicted that the rebels would have Torreon not later than Saturday. On the other hand, Miguel Diebold, of Huerta's consular service, exhibited telegrams declaring that the rebels had been repulsed at all points.

Diebold alleged that when at first the rebels thought they had Gomez Palacio they were the victims of a trap, as a result of which they lost heavily in dead and wounded, not to mention the loss of 500 prisoners.

The Federal retreat, he said, was a feint to draw the rebels over 127 dynamite mines which, he said, were exploded under the invaders with the result mentioned.

General Villa's telegram, as given out by General Chao, asserted that the rebels were still maintaining a base at El Verjal, five miles from Gomez Palacio, while the railroad line between the two places was being repaired. He added that the Federals had attempted to evacuate Torreon through the hills to the south, but were driven back into the city.

Villa is said by Chao to have asserted that for the 24 hours preceding his taking of Gomez Palacio the battle was confined mostly to artillery practice.

Observers of the situation here say they have been so often misled in the last 10 days by so-called official reports by both sides that neither official utterance was impressive. More importance, it was said, was attached to the renewed embargo which had prevented newspaper correspondents at the front from sending impartial stories of events under their observation.

SWINDLER GETS FIVE YEARS.

Kiger's Profits Said To Have Been In Thousands.

Detroit, Mich.—E. R. Kiger, alias E. R. Jordan, pleaded guilty in Federal Court here to operating a wholesale mail-order swindling business at Trenton, a Detroit suburb, and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1,000 and spend five years in prison. Kiger advertised his goods for sale on an installment basis. It was alleged that the goods were never delivered, and that Kiger's profits amounted to thousands of dollars.

LIFE TERM FOR 50-CENT THEFT.

West Virginia Court Upholds Habitual Criminal Act.

Charleston, W. Va.—The Habitual Criminal act, carrying a penalty of life imprisonment, was upheld in the Supreme Court of Appeals here in the cases of Frank Ponto and James Franklin. They were committed for life for a highway robbery in McDowell county which netted each 50 cents.

4,000 LOST JOBS BY NEW LAW.

Effect Of Restricting Child Labor In Massachusetts.

Boston, Mass.—The new law prohibiting the employment of children between 14 and 16 years of age more than eight hours a day resulted in the discharge during the first year of 4,000 out of between 25,000 and 30,000 employed, according to a special report filed with Governor Walsh by the Labor and Industrial Commission.

CONVICT-MADE GOODS BARRED

House Passes Bill Affecting Products Made Abroad.

CAN DESTROY IMPORTATIONS

The Tariff Laws Since 1890 Have Carried Prohibition, But It Has Been Difficult To Enforce.

Washington.—After a vigorous partisan contest, the House passed a bill to bar foreign convict-made or pauper-made goods from competition with the products of American free labor. The measure, which now goes to the Senate, follows a bill recently passed by the House forbidding the shipment of convict-made goods in interstate commerce into States which prohibit the sale of such products in the open market.

The importation of foreign convict-made goods has been prohibited generally under the tariff laws since 1890, but, owing to the peculiar construction of the law, it has been difficult to enforce, and labor representatives in Congress declare it has been freely violated.

Under the measure just passed, all shipments of goods proven to be convict or pauper-made, could be confiscated by the Treasury Department through court proceedings similar to libel prosecutions under the admiralty laws. In addition the bill provides that any "consignor, seller, owner, shipper, importer, consignee, agent or other person or persons, who knowingly and fraudulently introduce or seeks to introduce the prohibited articles into the commerce of the United States, shall, upon conviction, be fined for each offense a sum not exceeding \$5,000 or be imprisoned for not exceeding two years."

ARMS FOR THE EMBASSY.

First Consignment Received By Charge O'Shaughnessy.

Mexico City.—The first instalment of arms and ammunition sent by the United States War Department to the American Embassy for the protection of American citizens in the event of disturbances in the federal capital was delivered here. The consignment, which includes 250 rifles and two machine guns, had been held at the customs house under orders issued by provisional President Huerta for fourteen days. Nelson O'Shaughnessy, the American charge d'affaires, anticipates no further trouble in getting the remainder of the rifles and the machine guns.

MR. McADOO WILL NOT ACCEPT.

Ambassadorship To France Or Elsewhere Not In His Line.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo will not accept the ambassadorship to France or to any other country. He did not admit that the position had been tendered to him, but emphatically said he would not consider it if it were. "The duties of an ambassador are not attractive to me," said Secretary McAdoo. "I am a business man and as such am interested in things other than diplomatic social glamour. The activity attached to an ambassadorship is not the kind that appeals to me."

INTUITION WOMAN'S ASSET.

Valuable In Public Office, Says Mrs. Harriman.

Washington, D. C.—Feminine intuition is a valuable asset in public office, according to Mrs. J. Boardman Harriman, who declared that we need woman's aid in public affairs. "The masculine and feminine minds are not alike," said Mrs. Harriman. "The man is more judicial—the woman is intuitive. Intuition often goes more directly to the point than logic and sometimes it grasps values that would be overlooked by the deliberative mind."

GUNMAN SLAYS STEP-MOTHER.

Holds Mob At Bay With Revolver and Escapes On Bicycle.

New York, N. Y.—Every policeman in New York is on the lookout for George Disma, gunman, who shot and instantly killed his stepmother, Mrs. Ella Disma, in her home in Williamsburg because she refused his demand for the whereabouts of the young man's wife, who had fled to hiding in fear of her life. After the shooting young Disma fled before the crowd of enraged neighbors, mounted a bicycle standing on the street, distanced pursuing police and vanished.

PRESIDENT UPHOLDS PAGE.

Says Ambassador's London Speech Was "Perfectly Proper."

Washington, D. C.—Having received a complete copy of Ambassador Page's recent speech in London to which Senator Chamberlain and others took exception on account of references to the Monroe Doctrine and the Panama Canal, President Wilson told callers he thought the speech was perfectly proper.

KIDNAPER FOILED BY BOY'S FATHER

Allentown Court House Contract Let.

POWDER MILL EXPLOSION.

Kidnapper Foiled By Boy's Father. Coal Dust Non-Explosive—Bodies Of Men Engulfed Found. N. G. P. Camp.

Kidnapper Foiled By Boy's Father.

Pottstown.—A tall man, wearing a mask and with a lantern in one hand and a revolver in the other, made a daring attempt to kidnap twelve-year-old Malcolm Summons, son of J. Maurice Summons. Little Malcolm was studying his lessons when he was called out of the house by a strange voice. The masked man attempted to carry the youth away and was pursued by the father of the boy. The boy was dropped and the would-be kidnapper escaped by running over fields and wading through Manatawney Creek.

"Snipper" Cuts Off Girl's Hair.

Pottsville.—While Ida Reed, 12-year-old daughter of Sherman Reed, an auctioneer, stood talking with a crowd of young people in front of the postoffice at Cressona, some one, following the tactics of the Philadelphia "Jack the Snipper," stepped up behind her and cut off her hair with a pair of scissors. Her tresses were gone almost before she was aware of it. She felt some movement at the back of her head, as if she had been inadvertently jostled, and when she placed her hands to her head she found that her crown of hair was missing.

Saves Boys From River.

Sunbury.—Attracted by the cries of Harry Kemp and Isaac Wolf, both four years old, who were helpless in a drifting boat along the swollen Susquehanna River at Sunbury, Forest Messimer leaped from the window of a bridge toll house, and, swimming to the "children, arrived just as they jumped out of the boat. He rescued the Kemp boy and swam back to the Wolf boy just as he arose the second time and rescued him. Messimer was exhausted when he reached shore.

Coal Dust Non-Explosive.

Pittsburgh.—A series of tests concluded by the Pittsburgh station of the Bureau of Mines and representatives of the Pennsylvania Mining Department, it was announced, showed that anthracite coal dust is not explosive unless fire damp is present, and even in the explosive mixture the dust is not inflammable. The tests also developed that the presence of anthracite dust tended to lessen the length of flame of an explosive fire damp mixture.

Blair Road Supervisors Organize.

Altoona.—In accordance with the act creating the Bureau of Township Highways, Blair County Township Supervisors met in Hollidaysburg and formed a permanent organization, with these officers: President, Francis Weaver, Freedom Township; secretary, Isaac Krider, Blair Township; treasurer, B. F. Hyle, Frankstown Township.

Mill Explosion Kills Three.

Allentown.—An explosion that shook the country for twenty miles around blew up part of the plant of the Pennsylvania Trojan Powder Company, near Guth's Station, six miles northwest of Allentown, and killed three of the employes and seriously injured as many more. There were sixty men at work in the plant at the time of the explosion, which occurred in the drying department.

1,486 Moosers In Schuylkill Enrolled.

Pottsville.—Only 28,945 voters are enrolled in this county, according to the list tabulated in the County Commissioner's office, although there are more than 42,000 registered voters. The Democratic party shows an enrollment of 13,963, the Republicans 12,265, and the Washington party 1,486, with scattering returns for Prohibitionists and Socialists.

N. G. P. To Encamp July 18.

Pittsburgh.—Brigadier General A. J. Logan, commanding the Second Brigade, N. G. P., announced that the annual encampment for field duty will be held July 18-25. Indiana, Washington, Mount Gretna are among places suggested, but the place for the camp has not yet been decided. All commands of the brigade have been placed on a war footing.

Tonic Causes Two Deaths.

Pottstown.—A blood tonic mixture in which wood alcohol was accidentally used caused the death of Joseph Buss-haus, fifty-one years old, and his wife, at their home at Harmonyville, Chester county. Their son, Frank, twenty-one, is in a precarious condition.

Scarlet Fever Closes Schools.

Ashland.—Because of the presence of twenty-two cases of scarlet fever at Gordon, near here, the schools, churches and places of amusement have been closed by the authorities.