

THE NEWS TOLD IN PARAGRAPHS

Latest Happenings Gleaned From All Over the State.

LIVE NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Brakeman Crushed To Death At Reading—Berwick Masonic Club Elects New Officers—Tries To Blow Up His Home.

During a sermon at the River Brethren Church, at Mastersonville, Samuel Kulp was stricken with heart disease and died almost instantly.

The York County Commissioners have refused to pay bounty for the killing of obnoxious animals and birds. About \$500 in claims is filed.

John Cooper, of Columbia, it is charged, threw a stick of dynamite into the kitchen stove with the intention of blowing up his home. It failed to explode and he is in jail.

The commencement exercises of the high school at Hallam, were held when a class of seven girls was graduated. Miss Greta Kise was valedictorian, and Miss Carrie Wolf, salutatorian. Prof. J. F. Krebs delivered an address.

John J. Monaghan, of Norristown, a brakeman on a passenger train on the Schuylkill division of the Pennsylvania, was caught between his train and a caboose while shifting at Reading, and was crushed to death.

Stanley G. Brenesler, an artist of Reading, will be married April 30, to Miss Elizabeth C. Day, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. T. Day, of Washington. The honeymoon will be spent in the art centers of England, France and Italy.

Surgeons at the State Hospital at Ashland, operating on Michael Foley, of Mahanoy City, for appendicitis, found a bent pin in the boy's appendix. Young Foley had no recollection of swallowing a pin. He will recover.

The Alliance Coal Company, controlled by the L. C. & N. Co., is planning to open the Kaska William Colliery, in the Schuylkill Valley, near Middleport. This has been closed for months.

Mary M. Goff took poison while being taken from Hanover to Baltimore, by W. W. Smeak, chief of police, of Hanover. She is charged with forgery by a Baltimore firm. She was taken to a hospital there.

Professor Thomas S. Cole, of Chester, superintendent of the public schools, has received the silver loving cup which is to be awarded to the Larkin Grammar School for winning the recent cross-country run.

The Second Ward Yacht Club, of Chester, has elected the following officers: President, Edward Pike; vice-president, Hilyard Cummings; secretary, John E. Rankin; treasurer, Harry Upton.

The old Lelper School House, on the Fairview Road, in Leiperville, was destroyed by fire. The building was abandoned as a school a year ago, and has been occupied by Antonio Regerio and family, who fled from the fire over a roof.

Berwick Lodge of Odd Fellows has elected the following officers: Noble grand, W. E. Bond; vice-grand, T. R. Fairman; financial secretary, A. G. Birt; recording secretary, C. K. Croft; representative to Grand Lodge, H. E. Walton.

The third annual commencement exercises of the Warwick High School, were held. A class of five was graduated, Jacob B. Garber was valedictorian, and Mildred Yeager, salutatorian. Rev. George B. Raezer, of the Reformed Church, spoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eves, of Millville, who were married by the Friends' ceremony in 1864, celebrated their golden wedding. Twenty persons who signed the original wedding certificate were present. The couple has one daughter, Mrs. H. S. Christian, of Millville.

The Masonic Club, of Berwick, has elected the following officers: President, Moss L. Elder; vice-presidents, Alexander C. Jackson and J. J. Kostenbauder; secretary, Fred Walton; treasurer, Taylor Evans; members of Board of Governors, Harry Straub and W. J. Kirkendall.

Chester's new budget of appropriations follows: Department of Public Affairs, \$18,675; Department of Accounts and Finance, \$14,725; Department of Public Safety, \$23,180; Department of Streets and Public Improvements, \$15,525; Department of Parks and Public Property, \$28,900.

H. V. White, president of the White Milling Company, of Bloomsburg, State miller and cereal expert, has been directed by the Department of Labor and Industry, to appoint a committee and prepare a code of rules and regulations governing protection for the machines and equipment of mill, elevator and warehouse buildings in the State.

BURNS' REPORT CLEARS FRANK

Detective Says He Knows Who Killed Mary Phagan.

DECLARES FRANK NORMAL

Investigator Does Not Say Definitely That Convicted Man Is Not Factory Employee's Slayer.

Chicago, Ill.—William J. Burns, the detective, declared here that he knew who murdered Mary Phagan, the Atlanta (Ga.) girl for whose death Leo M. Frank is under sentence of death. Whether the murderer was Frank or someone else, in his opinion, Burns would not say, but he intimated that from his investigations and comparing their results with the results of the coroner's jury, he did not think Frank the sort of man capable of making the attack on the girl alleged to have preceded her murder.

Burns, on his arrival from Kansas City, related this of his investigation. He said his attention had first been called to the case by a young man from Atlanta who was a passenger on a steamer on which Burns was returning from Europe. The young man expressed his regret that Burns had not become interested in the case before the arrest and conviction of Frank. Through him Burns read in newspapers of the trial and concluded, from the accounts he saw, that Frank was guilty. Later, while he was in Key West, three citizens of Atlanta, including two personal friends of Frank, saw the detective and asked him to undertake an investigation of the case.

Frank Not Abnormal. At first, Burns said, he refused on the ground that if Frank were guilty his investigation and final conclusion to that effect could only hurt the defendant, while if the investigation tended to show doubt of Frank's guilt, it might serve to thwart justice. Frank's friends here declared that they believed he had not been given a fair trial; that he was innocent of the crime, but that if guilty they wanted indisputable evidence of his guilt.

Burns then took the case. His investigations soon showed him, he said, first, that public clamor, after a crime wave, had resulted in the police making extraordinary efforts to adduce evidence tending to convict Frank, and second, that a report making out Frank a man of abnormal characteristics was commonly circulated through the city, putting public opinion strongly against him.

AT WHITE HOUSE FOR 33 YEARS.

President Wilson Joins In Congratulations To Warren Young.

Washington, D. C.—The President and Mrs. Wilson joined a host of public officials in extending congratulations to Warren Young, of Ohio, upon his thirty-third anniversary as a member of the executive staff at the White House. Mr. Young's office was banked with flowers, one large bunch of which came from the President and Mrs. Wilson. The veteran official went to the White House under his personal friend, former President Garfield, and it was he that the martyred executive called to his bedside when he was shot.

TARIFF FORECAST CORRECT.

May Not Reduce Customs Revenue Any More Than Expected.

Washington, D. C.—The Underwood-Simmons tariff act went into effect six months ago and present indications are that it will not reduce customs revenue any more than was estimated in Congress at the time of passage. According to the Treasury's March statement customs revenues amounted to about \$26,000,000, which is about \$1,500,000 less than the Payne-Aldrich law produced in March, 1913. That was a marked increase over February, when revenues fell over \$10,000,000 compared to the same month of 1913.

COMMODORE DYER DEAD.

Commanded Gunboat in Spanish War.

Winter Park, Fla.—Commodore Geo. L. Dyer, U. S. N., retired, who commanded the gunboat Stranger during the war with Spain and later was appointed first governor of Guam, died of heart failure at his home here. He was 64 years old, and was retired in 1908.

PAY FOR INJURIES AND DEATH.

House Agrees On Government Workmen's Compensation Bill.

Washington, D. C.—A bill for workmen's compensation for employees of the Government, agreed upon by the House Judiciary Committee, provides fixed payments to workmen injured or to families of employees killed in the course of their work. The bill is expected to care for many cases for which Congress has found it necessary to pass special claim bills.

EMBARRASSING MOMENTS



FIVE HOTELS BURN IN ST. AUGUSTINE

Two Blocks of Winter Resort Swept By Flames.

TWO ARE HURT BY JUMPING

Hostelry Employees Arouse Sleeping Tourists and Hurry Them To Safety In Scanty Attire.

St. Augustine, Fla.—Historic St. Augustine, the oldest city in the United States, was swept by a half-million-dollar fire that destroyed five tourists' hotels and burned records and curios dating back to the days of Spanish rule in the sixteenth century. Two persons were seriously injured.

Guests in the hotels fled into the streets before day, many leaving valuables and personal belongings behind. Several escaped clad only in their sleeping apparel.

Rescue work by the employees of the Florida House, where the fire originated, is believed to have saved many lives. Going through the smoke-filled halls, they quickly aroused sleeping guests and hurried them out of the burning building.

Notwithstanding efforts of the Florida House employees, about 200 guests who were slow in being aroused were rescued by firemen with ladders. Although all persons remaining in the building were warned not to jump, firemen were unsuccessful in preventing two persons from leaping from the second floor of the Florida House. They were Miss Alice C. Smith, of Amherst, Nova Scotia, and W. F. Giddings, of Granby, Quebec. Miss Smith sustained an injured spine and broken leg. One of Mr. Giddings' ankles was broken and he was otherwise hurt.

ROOSEVELT PARTY SAFE.

Telegram Is Received Direct From Anthony Fiala.

New York.—A dispatch sent from Manaus, Brazil, by Anthony Fiala, a member of the Roosevelt exploring party, forwarding reports that have reached him of the safety of Colonel Roosevelt and the section of the party he heads, was published by the Times. The dispatch reads: "Manaos, Brazil, April 1.—Reports reach here that Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and his party are safe and on their way to Manaos. "The statements reaching the United States by way of Iquitos are unreliable. "ANTHONY FIALA. "The Fiala dispatch seems to dispose satisfactorily of a report from Buenos Aires, published here, which told of alarming rumors concerning Mr. Roosevelt's safety, received in that city from Iquitos by way of Lima.

STORY BOOK FROM CARNEGIE.

Philanthropist Personally Grants Child's Request.

Son Antonio, Texas.—Little Johanna Coljoneck, nine years old, cherishes a book of fairy stories, upon the fly leaf of which is a message written by Andrew Carnegie informing her that this book is "all her own." A few weeks ago Johanna wrote the Carnegie Library Board protesting that there were not enough fairy stories on the local shelves and offering a five-cent donation to the fund for more. Carnegie was told of the incident and sent the book.

THE DAILY AERIAL DISASTER.

German Army Aviator Killed and His Passenger Injured.

Munich, Bavaria.—Lieutenant Lankmeyer, a German army aviator, was killed and Lieutenant Rucht, whom he carried as a passenger, was seriously injured in an aeroplane accident. The propeller broke while they were flying at a low altitude over the aerodrome. Pieces of the propeller snapped the rigging and the machine collapsed.

SEALERS PERISH ON ICE FLOES

Death Traveled in a Terrific Blizzard.

TWO ARE HURT BY JUMPING

Over 1,000 Men Escape

Fur Hunters of New Foundland Miles Away From Vessel When Storm Struck Them — Survivors Reached Just in Time.

St. Johns, N. F.—Death traveled in a gale that overtook the sealing fleets about here. The steamer Newfoundland lost 64 of her crew, 37 being rescued by the steamers Ballaventure and the Florizel, which were sent out to search for the men.

Great alarm was felt for the steamer Southern Cross, with a crew of 170 men, which has not been reported since she passed Cape Pine, bound in, but which it was learned from wireless messages, to be safe at Channel, Newfoundland.

The men lost were far from their ships killing seals when the storm, with blinding snow, swooped down upon them. They were exposed for 48 hours before assistance arrived, and in that time many succumbed.

The Newfoundland was one of a fleet of 15 ships, carrying more than 2,000 men, scattered among the ice floes near Belle Isle Strait. The crews were on the floes hunting seals, which have their homes on these crystal plains, and the hunt had taken them from four to six miles from their ships.

OLD PAPERS MERGE.

The New Orleans Times-Democrat and The Picayune.

New Orleans, La.—The Times-Democrat and The Picayune, two of the oldest morning newspapers in the United States, will be consolidated, according to announcement here. When the merger will be made was not said. The consolidated papers probably will be published as The Times-Picayune. The Picayune has been published continuously for 87 years. It has been in the hands of the Nicholson family for almost a half-century.

WOMAN COPS IN PITTSBURGH.

Four Appointed To Look Out For Girls and Women.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—C. H. Hubbard, director of Public Safety, announced the appointment of four police women, the first in Pittsburgh. They are attached to the Secret Service division, and their names are known to none but the directors and the officers to whom they will report. They will look after young girls coming to the city and investigate violations of the law in cafes where liquor is served to women and in other ways look after women.

TWO ARE KILLED BY FREIGHT.

View Of Fight Too Much For Aged Man and Woman.

Worcester, Mass.—Patrick Eagleton, 70 years old, and Mrs. Dennis Arsenault, 60 years old, of Spencer, Mass., dropped dead from fright in the street here as they witnessed a three-cornered fight between Martin Niederberger, a chauffeur, and Stanley Orutt and Charles Bannon, employees of a cereal company, who were distributing samples in the town. Deputy Sheriff Geo. H. Ramer and Constable John M. Norton arrested the three men.

TOOK 9 PASSENGERS 5,280 FEET.

French Aviator Establishes New Record—Remaining Up 54 Minutes.

Chartres, France.—Aviator Garais established another passenger-carrying aeroplane altitude record when he ascended to a height of 5,280 feet with nine passengers. Saturday Garais sailed a mile in the air with eight passengers in his biplane, but repeated with an additional passenger. Garais and his passengers were in the air 54 minutes.

TWELVE RESERVE BANKS ARE NAMED

Baltimore Placed in the Richmond District.

BRANCH BANKS NOT NAMED

First Decisive Step Toward the Establishment Of the New System — The Cities Chosen.

Washington, D. C.—After three months of consideration the Reserve Bank Organization Committee announced that it has divided the Continental United States into 12 banking districts and selected 12 cities where Federal reserve banks are to be located under the new Banking and Currency law. This is the first decisive step toward the establishment of the new system.

Baltimore lost its fight for a regional bank and was placed in the Fifth, or Richmond, district. The regional bank cities, which will be the Federal reserve centers for each region, are: Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Dallas, Minneapolis, Kansas City and San Francisco.

SPUR TRACK RATES HALTED.

Only Those Railroads Which Have Been Heard Are Granted Delay.

Washington, D. C.—The Interstate Commerce Commission Tuesday suspended until July 30 all new tariffs filed by railroads eliminating allowance to industrial railroads with the exception of those affecting the United States Steel Corporation and other iron and steel companies. These are permitted to stand.

About 4,000 tariffs were suspended. The suspended tariffs would have become effective at midnight and were submitted in compliance with findings in the industrial railways case, when it was held that allowances and divisions of rates made by trunk lines with some Eastern roads operated by iron and steel companies were rebates and should be discontinued.

Only those industrial railways which have been heard by the commission are allowed to suspend the tariffs affecting them. The Interstate Commerce Commission's order provides for certain hearings, but no dates have as yet been set and, as it is not likely they will be heard before fall, the commission is expected to suspend the tariffs further before the present extension expires.

MEDAL FOR BRAKEMAN.

President To Confer Honor On Man Who Saved Life Of Child.

Washington, D. C.—On the recommendation of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the President will confer a medal of honor for bravery on A. C. Werner, of Smithville, Texas, a Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway brakeman. At the risk of his own life Werner saved a 6-year-old child from death near Smithville. While a string of box cars was running backward the child stood in the middle of the track, apparently paralyzed with fear. Werner climbed from the rear car, picked up the child and jumped clear of the track just as the car passed.

BIG PROFIT MADE ON HARD COAL.

New Jersey Legislative Report Says About Forty Men Control Supply.

Trenton, N. J.—Seven leading railroads, or about 40 men, control 87 per cent of the total anthracite coal mined, fixed prices of upward of 300 per cent profit and through selling companies technically evade Federal laws, declared the coal investigating committee of the New Jersey Assembly in its report to the House. That combinations among retail coal dealers to fix prices are conspicuous, was also charged.

3 FEET TALL; WEIGHS 41½ LBS.

Therefore, French Conscript Is Excused From Military Duty.

Paris.—A French conscript named De France was excused from military duty because when he reported at the depot he was found to be only three feet in height and weighed only 41½ pounds.

MOB LYNCHES NEGRESS.

Oklahoma Woman Is Hanged To Phone Cable For Stabbing Man.

Wagoner, Okla.—A mob of 100 masked men lynched Mary Scott, a negress, by hanging her to a telephone cable. She stabbed to death Lemuel Peace, white, Sunday night.

OLD SOLDIERS DYING OFF FAST.

Over Thirty Thousand Civil War Veterans Died During Year.

Washington, D. C.—The heavy death rate among the Civil War veterans is shown in the decreased pension appropriation asked of Congress for their relief. Over 30,000 veterans have died since Congress was last asked to appropriate money for them. At the present rate it has been calculated that the Civil War pensioners will be exhausted in about 15 or 20 years.

BOY KILLED BY CAR MOB AFTER CREW

Fred Hause Drives In a Burning Automobile.

BOY FALLS INTO STREAM.

Squad Of Police Save Motorman and Conductor From Injury At the Hands Of An Angry Crowd.

Crowd Stones Car Crew.

Pittsburgh.—Only the prompt arrival of a squad of police saved a motorman and conductor from injury at the hands of an angry crowd in Bedford avenue following the running down and killing of Samuel Snyder, four years old, by a street car. Motorman William Park and Conductor A. L. Habberman were chased several squares by the excited residents who hurled stones and other missiles. Every window in the street car was broken and several passengers had narrow escapes from injury. The police arrested three men and hurried the street car men from the danger zone.

Pennsylvania Lines Promotions.

Pittsburgh.—Promotions on the Pennsylvania Lines West were announced at the general offices here as follows: W. D. Wood, superintendent of the Eastern Division of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad, to be general manager of the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad, with headquarters at Grand Rapids, Mich.; F. J. Kron, superintendent of the Logansport Division of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad, to succeed Mr. Wood; R. K. Rochester, superintendent of the Peoria Division of the Vandalia Line to succeed Mr. Kron; J. F. Patterson, trainmaster of the Western Division of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad, to succeed Mr. Rochester. The promotions are effective at once.

Price Of Coal Falls.

Pottsville.—For the first time in years this part of the anthracite coal region shared in the general reduction of the price of coal. Chestnut and stove coal were reduced ten cents a ton and egg coal twenty-seven cents a ton, making the price of the latter \$3.78. Towns near collieries, where railroad transportation is not needed were given a cut of fifty-five cents a ton on nut coal and sixty cents a ton on stove and broken coal.

Woman Stabbed By Boarder.

Pottsville.—Mrs. Paul Ketchel, of New Castle, was probably fatally stabbed by Charles Powan, a boarder. The woman, who was stabbed near the heart, is in a dying condition at the Pottsville Hospital, and District Attorney C. A. Whitehouse has taken her ante-mortem statement, in which she accuses Powan of the deed. The latter was committed to jail without bail. The victim has three children, the oldest being but four years old.

Sub-District Chairmen Assigned.

Shamokin.—President James Matthews, of District No. 9, United Mine Workers of America, divided the territory as follows: Sub-district No. 1, chairman, George R. Ritman, Silver Creek; No. 2, Stiney Geguzis, Mahanoy City; No. 3, Michael J. McGrath, Lost Creek; No. 4, John Hollister, Shamokin. Each chairman is a member of the District Executive Board.

Paid Firemen Opposed.

Reading.—The Liberty Fire Company at a meeting went on record as the first of the thirteen volunteer fire companies to sanction the decision of its representatives to support a referendum vote on whether a paid fire department shall be substituted for the present system. Council favors the abolition of the present system and the volunteers oppose it.

Drives In Burning Auto.

Pottsville.—An automobile was burned at Mount Carbon and Fred Hause, the driver, had a narrow escape from death. Although Hause's machine was a flaming torch as he sped along the highway and the gasoline tank was in danger of exploding, he did not notice his peril until the flames licked his coat tails. Then he ran the machine into a bank where it was destroyed, including tools and blankets.

Boy Falls 100 Feet Into Stream.

Shamokin.—John Augue, thirteen years old, while playing with several companions on top of a hill near Edgewood Park started to run, when his feet slipped. He fell one hundred feet into a creek. Miners on their way from work jumped into the stream and saved him from drowning. He was severely injured by the fall that he probably will die.

Postoffice Robbed Of \$1,000.

Meadville.—Thomas Wallace, postmaster at Millville, near here, discovered that he had been robbed of \$1,000 in money and stamps. Entrance to his house was gained, Wallace thinks, while he and his family were at church.