

KEYSTONE STATE IN SHORT ORDER

Latest Doings in Various Parts of the State.

PREPARED FOR QUICK READING

Capital Stops Disinfection.
Harrisburg.—The Harrisburg City Council refused to operate its temporary sewage disinfection plant any longer.

Miner Killed Under Cars.
Tamaqua.—Caught under a trip of runaway cars at the No. 6 colliery, John Darko, aged thirty-one, was badly squeezed that he died shortly afterwards.

U. G. I. Pays \$366,000 State Tax.
Harrisburg.—The United Gas Improvement Co., of Philadelphia, paid the State \$366,000 in a single payment as State tax. It was the largest payment of the week.

Swallows Pin, Dies Of Paralysis.
Plymouth.—Charles Sapko, nine years old, died from infantile paralysis. A pin that he swallowed while at his school brought on the disease according to doctors.

Veteran Killed in Fire.
Washingtonville.—John Rotzwell, seventy years old, a Civil War veteran, was burned to death in his home here. He was alone and it is believed a lamp exploded as he slept.

Milkmen Plan Another Rise.
Carlisle.—A recently formed organization of milk dealers in this section, who raised the price of milk one-half cent a quart two weeks ago is contemplating a further advance to make the product 20 cents per gallon, wholesale.

Lack Of Cars Stops Mine.
Shenandoah.—William Penn Colliery, of the Susquehanna Coal Company, was compelled to suspend for want of railroad cars, throwing over one thousand men and boys out of employment.

Girl Kills Self With Gun.
Scranton.—Annie Romanofsky, twenty years old, a pretty young woman of Mahanoy City, while visiting friends here, fired a bullet into her brain, dying shortly afterwards. The cause of the suicide is unknown.

Students Forego Ices For War Relief.
Bethlehem.—The girls of the Moravian College for Women have decided that twice a week for the next three weeks they will forego the use of ice cream at meals in order that the money thus saved may be turned over to a fund for work in prison camps in Europe.

Boy Dies Of Lockjaw.
Catawqua.—Stepping on a rusty nail that penetrated his foot two weeks ago, Robert Texler, eighteen years old of West Catawqua, treated the wound with home remedies, but when he became ill and a physician was summoned it was found that he was suffering from lockjaw. His death followed several hours later.

Kills Bear With Knife.
Gilberton.—Joe Norcavage brought home a two hundred and fifty pound bear that he killed in Sullivan county after a desperate battle. The sportsman says he fired three shots, the last of his ammunition, at his bearship, when the maddened brute savagely attacked him. After a fierce struggle he finally vanquished the bear by plunging the blade of a large hunting knife into his neck.

NEWS NOTES.

The banks of Lehigh county have \$23,000,000 on deposit, a gain of five millions during the past year.

Blinded by the glare of the big electric lamp, Joseph Rockel, of Hoffman, near Allentown, was struck by a trolley car, his head lacerated and severely bruised about the body.

Carl Allgum, of Bethlehem, who has just resigned as head foreman of No. 2 machine shop of the Bethlehem Steel Company, after seventeen years of continuous service, was presented with a gold watch by his fellow employees.

The canvass of the vote for Representative in the Bucks-Montgomery District, completed by E. C. A. Moyer of Montgomery, and W. S. Schleiter of Bucks, showed the following official figures: Watson, R., 28,952; Heacock, D., 29,232; Whiteside, Soc., 954; Rambo, Pro., 467; Dix, Single Tax, 126.

While he was dressing a Thanksgiving pig out in the back yard thieves entered the home of Emery Chuck, of South Bethlehem, and stole forty-five dollars.

The two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus J. Campbell, of Harrisburg was burned to death when a spark from the furnace fell on the baby's erib.

The Harrisburg Hospital will purchase a new ambulance with \$2,000 provided by State appropriation and similar sum donated by the Harrisburg Pipe and Pipe Bending Company.

HORSESHIP MARINA SUNK BY U-BOAT

Germany Makes Admission, But Questions Ships Status.

WASHINGTON TO FIND OUT

Says Submarine Commander Took Vessel For Transport—Offers Reparation in Case Of Mistake.

Washington.—Subsequent to the receipt of a communication from the German Government admitting that a German submarine torpedoed the British horsehip Marina, with the loss of six Americans, Secretary Lansing conferred with President Wilson, and it was decided that no action would be taken by the American Government until it was definitely established whether the Marina was a private vessel or a belligerent transport. In the note Germany stated that the commander of the submarine which sank the Marina had reported that he took the vessel for a transport, and asked the United States for information on this point. Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, called at the State Department, and also sought this information. He was told by Secretary Lansing that the United States was not yet in a position to answer the inquiry, but would do so as quickly as possible.

As a result of the developments of the day it was indicated by officials that no action could be expected in the immediate future on the Marina case, admittedly one of the two most serious pending between the United States and Germany. The other is that of the British liner Arabic, sunk in the Mediterranean.

Germany, it is understood, is ready to acknowledge error and make offers of settlement, if it is established that the Marina was not in the British transport service. When the vessel was sunk it was stated in dispatches from London that she had been previously connected with the transport service, and also that when she sailed on her last voyage she was armed with a gun avorn, manned by two British naval gunners.

If the ship was in public service prior to being torpedoed, some State Department officials take the stand that the presumption is in favor of the position that an enemy might have believed her still to be a transport at the time of the attack. In order to clear up this point the nature of her previous character, the orders under which she was sailing and the character of her officers and crew will be investigated.

State Department officials hesitate to make a ruling on what constitutes a vessel in public service in time of war until a decision has been handed down in the case of the Italian vessel, Atualita, libeled in the United States court at Newport News, Va., after a collision with a Greek vessel. The point at issue is somewhat similar to that involved in the Marina incident, as the character of the Atualita is disputed.

Secretary Lansing went over the case in detail with President Wilson after the call of the German Ambassador, but at the time had not examined all the affidavits bearing on the attack on file at the State Department. It was indicated that the American Government will be able to collect all the evidence necessary without further reference to the German Government.

19 MURDERED, THEY SAY.
Survivors Tell Of Torpedoing Of the Marina.

New York.—“Cold-blooded murder, and nothing else,” is the way in which the 41 American survivors of the British steamship Marina, just arrived at this port, described the sinking of that vessel without warning by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland on October 25.

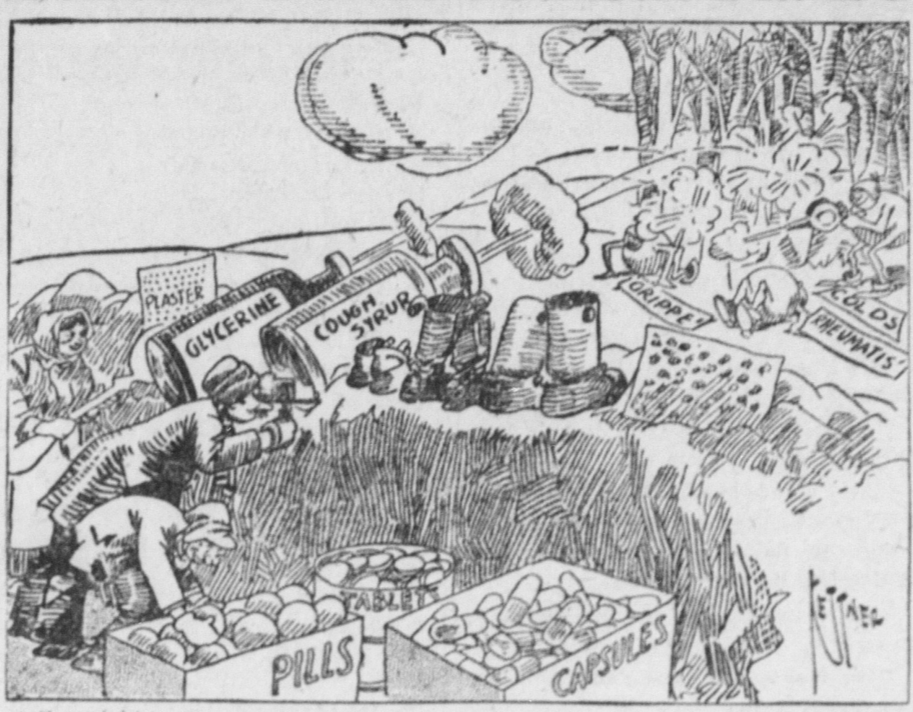
The men were sent here from Glasgow by the American Embassy on the Anchor Line steamship Tuscania. Jesse T. Hancock, a printer, of Richmond, Va., who had acted as a forerunner of horsemen on the Marina, said that the 19 men who were drowned, including seven Americans, had not the slightest chance for their lives, since the submarine, after firing the first torpedo without any warning, rose to the surface when the 19 were still struggling to lower the vessel's fifth boat in the davits and deliberately fired a second torpedo. With this second shot the Marina blew up and sank like a rock, taking the 19 men with her.

AUSTRIA HALTS WAR RELIEF.
Wants American Red Cross To Stop In Northern Serbia.

Washington.—Austria-Hungary has asked the American Red Cross to discontinue relief work in Belgrade and in other parts of Northern Serbia conquered by the Teutonic forces, when supplies now on hand have been distributed.

The suggestion reached here through Ambassador Penfield at Vienna. The Austrian Government expressed its deepest gratitude to the Red Cross for what has been done, but gave no reason for asking discontinuance.

WINTER DEFENSE



4 DREADNAUGHTS 29 SUBMARINES MAY SEND CRUISER OVER FOR ENVOY

Secretary of Navy Daniels Awards Big Contracts. Refusal of Safe Conduct for Tarnowski Peeves Washington.

TOTAL COST OVER \$65,000,000
Bad Manners View Taken

Battleships To Carry 16-Inch Guns.
Bids For Four Cruisers To Be Opened This Week.

Washington.—Secretary Daniels awarded contracts for more than \$65,000,000 worth of new fighting ships for the navy, including four battleships, at \$11,000,000 each; two fleet submarines, at approximately \$1,130,000 each, and 27 coast submarines, at from \$694,000 to \$698,000 each.

These vessels comprise the bulk of the great building program of 66 craft of various types appropriated for by the last session of Congress. Bids for four battle cruisers will be received this week and for three scout cruisers on January 3, with the hope of completing the task of getting all the ships under contract within the six months' limit set by Congress.

Already the House Naval Committee is at work on the 1918 bill, and early in the spring the department must find building facilities for at least three more battleships, one battle cruiser and a proportionate number of other craft remaining in the three-year construction program. The bill to be put through this winter for the navy will carry a total of nearly \$400,000,000.

The new battleships will be sister ships to the California and Tennessee, now under construction, except that they will be fitted to carry eight 16-inch rifles instead of twelve 14-inch. They will displace about 32,500 tons.

The department now is considering plans for the 1918 ships, three in number, with indications that they will be of 40,000 tons displacement, carry twelve 16-inch guns and make 23 to 24 knots an hour instead of 21 knots, the present battleship standard of the navy.

Submarines Big As U-53.
The two fleet submarines will be of the so-called 800-ton type and similar in size to the German U-53, which called recently at Newport, R. I., before making a raid on Allied commerce off Nantuxet. A third boat of this size will be laid down at the Portsmouth Navy Yard, where the L-8 is nearing completion. The type is experimental and for comparison with the 1,300-ton Scobley, now being built for the navy, with a required surface speed of 20 knots, against 16 for the 800-ton type.

The coast submarines will range between 475 and 550 tons, according to designs, being substantially similar to the most recent subservibles of the L class completed for the navy.

STARTS MAIL EARLY CAMPAIGN.
Postmaster-General Expects Heavy Christmas Business.

Washington.—Expecting heavier Christmas mails than ever before because of “the general prosperity prevalent throughout the country,” Postmaster-General Burleson announced he had begun through postmasters a nationwide “mail early campaign.” Early mailing is especially necessary, Postmaster-General Burleson says, because the day before Christmas falls on Sunday and all parcels should be mailed in time for delivery on Saturday, December 23.

\$1.00 LAND WORTH \$1,000.
Ganister Discovery Sends Values Soaring Near Huntington.

Huntington, Pa.—The A. J. Haws Ganister Company, of Johnstown, is preparing to erect a modern firebrick plant of large capacity on Black Log Mountain. Billions of tons of ganister rock will be within easy reach of the new plant. Ten years ago, with the timber taken off, mountain land could have been bought for \$1.00 an acre, but since the discovery of ganister and building of a new State highway it cannot be bought for \$1,000 an acre.

ADAMSON LAW TO SUPREME COURT

Test Case Now on Docket of Highest Tribunal.

PLAN FOR EARLY ARGUMENT

Agreement Of Railroads and Brotherhoods To Co-Operate With the Commission To Observe the Law's Operation.

Washington.—The case of the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad, selected to test the constitutionality of the Adamson law, was placed on the Supreme Court docket, the last step in perfection by the government of its appeal from Federal Judge Hook's decision holding the law unconstitutional. A motion was later presented to set a date for early argument.

Outside of the record before the Supreme Court and not so far made a part of the official transcript is the stipulation agreed upon by Attorney General Gregory and railroad counsel to abide by the court's decision in the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf case in all other suits questioning the validity of the Adamson Act. In the presentation of arguments to the court, however, a stipulation making the pending case determinative of all other suits may be filed.

Unless the Supreme Court gives the Adamson case precedence over many others already assigned for hearing, it is considered doubtful whether it could be reached much before the middle of December, even should the court agree to advance the hearings. There are some forty already assigned, many of them important cases specially advanced. Nevertheless it is generally expected that the railroad case will be submitted before the court recesses for the Christmas holidays on December 22.

Nine additional cases were placed on the Supreme Court's call for December 4. They were recently passed and now are reassigned. Among them are the “railway mail pay divisor” cases, involving railroad's claim of \$5,000,000 against the government; an alleged rebating case against the Lehigh Valley Railroad and cases involving right of the United Mine Workers and other labor unions to operate in West Virginia, where Federal Judge Dayton held the mine workers to be an illegal organization.

BOTH WILL CO-OPERATE.
Railroads and Brotherhoods Will Assist Federal Commission.

New York.—An agreement has been reached by the railroad and by the trainmen with the Federal commission appointed by President Wilson to observe the operation of the Adamson act regarding the commission's plans to collect the required data in an accurate and reliable manner satisfactory to the roads and the men, it was announced here by Interstate Commerce Commissioner E. E. Clark, a member of the commission. Both sides have promised that all information desirable would be at the commission's disposal, Mr. Clark said.

The commission, of which Major General George W. Goethals is chairman, met the trainmen brotherhood representatives in a conference similar to the one it held with railroad presidents last week.

TO LOCATE FARM BANKS.
Board Will Make Its Announcements Within Twenty Days.

Washington.—Announcement within 20 days of the location of the 12 regional farm loan banks authorized by Congress will be made by the Farm Loan Board. During its investigation trips, just ended, the board has held hearings in every State, traveling 20,000 miles. Testimony of hundreds of farmers was heard.

VOTE IN MINNESOTA.
Canvassing Board Determines Plurality Of Hughes At 392.

St. Paul, Minn.—Charles E. Hughes' plurality in Minnesota at the recent presidential election was 392 votes, the State Canvassing Board determined. Discovery of slight errors in the original tabulation resulted in a net loss of four votes by Mr. Hughes, the final official count being: Hughes, 178,544; Wilson, 179,152.

TWINS, 14, IN U. S. ARMY.
Judge Landis Is Trying To Learn How They Worked It.

Chicago.—Federal Judge K. M. Landis today took steps to learn how Hyman and Abe Jackson, twins, 14 years old, got into the United States Army. A few weeks ago the twins were inmates of an orphan asylum here. The superintendent says that for five years they brought about a reign of terror.

U. S. ATTACHE RECALLED.
Lieutenant-Colonel Kuhn Is Ordered Back From Berlin.

Washington.—The War Department officially confirmed reports of the recall of Lieut.-Col. Joseph E. Kuhn, military attache of the American Embassy in Berlin.

NEARLY ALL BAKERS ARRESTED.
Charged With Selling Light-Weight Loaves in Wilmington, N. C.

Wilmington, N. C.—Proprietors of practically all bakeries in the city were arrested on charges that they were selling loaves of bread under the standard weight set by an old city ordinance. The ordinance specifies that each loaf must weigh 16 ounces, and it is alleged most of the bakeries have been selling loaves that weigh only 10 ounces.

NO POTATO SHORTAGE IN PENNA., SAY OFFICIALS

High Price May Be Due To Holding By Farmers—6,000,000 Dozen Eggs Stored.

Harrisburg.—Officials of the State Dairy and Food Division denied that there was any shortage of potatoes and that if they were scarce and high it was because farmers were holding them for prices which have been prevailing in some sections. According to what has been learned here, potatoes are commanding as high as \$1.75 a bushel, and it is not natural for farmers to want to get all they can.

The butter in storage is held to be about the same as last December, but before Christmas it is estimated that the 6,000,000 dozens of eggs in storage in this State will be cleared out. There are 3,000,000 dozens in Philadelphia storehouses, which have been shipping extensively, and all in hand must come out before December 31 under the law. Owing to the demand for export, eggs are coming out earlier than in years.

The influx of Southern eggs is expected to start in January.

Dr. Dixon Names Conserv. Board.
Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Commissioner of Health, who was chairman of the recent meeting held at the Capitol to consider the subject of the conservation of the waters of Pennsylvania announced the following committee to study the situation and draft legislation: Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, Gifford Pinchot, president of the National Conservation Association; Dr. Henry S. Drinker, president of Lehigh University; William H. Keller, Deputy Attorney General; John B. Eichenauer, member of Pittsburgh Flood Commission; George S. Webster, Director of Philadelphia Wharves, Docks and Ferries; Prof. Edgar Marburz, professor of civil engineering, University of Pennsylvania; S. B. Elliott, member State Forestry Commission; J. A. Wall, vice-president and chief engineer of the Pennsylvania Water and Power Company. At the request of the Governor, Dr. Dixon accepted the chairmanship of the committee which will be enlarged from time to time.

Telephone Lines To Aid State Foresters.
Almost 400 miles of telephone lines and 100 telephones have been installed by the State Forest Fire Protection service, a branch of the State Forestry Department, on the forest reserves of Pennsylvania. The telephones are at the headquarters of the foresters and rangers of the State service so that immediate steps can be taken to organize for fighting fires in the woods. The service has been tested out in a number of fires in Eastern Pennsylvania reservations this spring and more lines will be built this winter. The telephone lines have been connected with observation towers on high points in the forest reserves and it is hoped to have a mile of line for each 700 acres. There is now one mile for each 3,500 acres. Foresters are supplied with portable instruments for cutting in on wires to report fires.

Penna. Officials Watch Foot Disease.
State Livestock Sanitary Board officials were in touch with Washington regarding possibility of spread of the suspected outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas and are prepared to extend the quarantine against cattle if necessary. The quarantine established by the State board forbids the importation into Pennsylvania of any cattle, sheep or swine from Nebraska or through the Kansas City stock yards.

May Revoke Auto Licenses.
The State Highway Department took under advisement the question of revocation of the automobile license of Wilbur M. Whitaker, of Alexandria, Huntingdon county, who was held responsible for the death of Emery Bagshaw.

Spent Nothing and Was Not Elected.
B. Budd Cannon, of Milton, candidate for Prohibition Presidential elector, in an expense statement filed at the Capitol, certified that he received nothing and spent nothing, adding “nor was I elected.”

Merger Approved By Governor.
Governor Brumbaugh approved the merger of the Rockhill Coal & Iron Co., and the Broad Top Improvement Co., the combined company to have the Rockhill name and a capital of \$1,200,000.

Brown To Aid New Legislators.
Attorney General Brown has sent a letter to each man elected to the next Legislature extending an invitation to him to avail himself of the legal advice and services of the department in legislative matters.

PENNSYLVANIA CHARTERS.
Harrisburg.—State charters were issued as follows:
Lay & Mitchell Manufacturing Co., paper cups, etc., Philadelphia; capital, \$5,000; treasurer, M. L. Maher.
H. J. Hains Corporation, food products, Pittsburgh; capital, \$250,000; treasurer, W. H. Robinson.

Lebanon Gear & Machine Works, Lebanon; capital, \$25,000; treasurer, H. T. Gerdes, New York.
Wallace Manufacturing Co., dies, Philadelphia; capital, \$30,000; treasurer, A. G. Schuehler.

The John-Fib Company, coal lands, Carbondale; capital, \$40,000; treasurer, Thomas A. John, Wilkes-Barre.