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## **BERKEY CHARGES** ARE DISMISSED

# Impeachment Proceedings.

### TO END APPROPRIATION ROW

Benator Woodward Moves to Have House and Senate Chairman Assist State Secretary - Governor Signs Bills.

Harrisburg, Pa.-The house passed a motion to dismiss the impeachment petitions against Judge John A. Berkey, of Somerset county. The vote was 110 yea, 86 nr.y.

The vote came on a motion of Representative Sowers, Philadelphia, to adopt the report of the judiciary general committee, previously submitted by Representative Blumberg, Philadelphia.

The judiciary general committee of ing Judge Berkey had committed no of Education. impeachable offense. Its findings were based on the minority report of a sub-committee that spent several weeks investigating the official conduct of the jurist. Nothing was said about the majority report, which recommanded that Berkey be impeached and called before the senate for trial.

#### Evidence "Irrelevant and Hearsay."

After presenting the resolution that resulted in the house ordering an investigation and declaring much of the evidence "irrelevant and hearsay," the report concludes:

"Upon careful consideration of the testimony presented and in accordance with the law governing impeachment under the legislation of the state of Pennsylvania, your committee concludes, and therefore reports, that there are no grounds for the presentment against the Hon. John A. Berkey, president judge of the courts of Somerset county, and the committee, therefore recommends to the house of representatives that further proceedings in the matter be stayed and the petitions be disn.issed."

"There is a feud up in Somerset county and it has been moved to the house; they ask us to wash their dirty linen," Representative Alexander, Delaware, declared speaking for the resolution.

Representative Haas, Lehigh, declared the house should take the word of the sub-committee and vote down the motion, saying: "The Republican party of Pennsylvania should be above suspicion. Let the senate try him, for

House Passes Motion to Drop John J. Seubert, aged 15 employed in the Bethlehem Steel plant at Lebanon, lost his right foot in a worm gear conveyor.

PENNSYLVANIA

BRIEFS

Hazleton bricklayers' ."and masons' unions announced that the old scale of \$1.25 an hour will be continued for another year.

After five months, Stanley Ulan, of Hazleton, was arrested on a charge of passing numerous worthless checks on local business men.

Joseph Fenstermacher, aged 66, was seriously injured at Bloomsburg in an 18-foot fall from a ladder.

The Pennsylvania Federation of Music Clubs will hold its annual convention in Wilkes-Barre the week of April 20.

William Seltzer, a carpenter, employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company at Lebanon, fractured his skull when he fell 15 feet from a roof. J. Nevin Schaeffer, professor of

ancient languages at Franklin and Marshall College, has been selected the house brought in its report declar- for president of the Lancaster Bonrd

Jesse Kildo and William McPherson, miners, were burned to death when their cabin at Claytonia, near Butler, was destroyed by fire.

Twenty-five gamecocks seized in p raid by state troopers at Uniontown were sent to the Fayette County Home to provide stew for the inmates.

Pottsville electrical workers decided to continue to work at the present

scale of 90 cents an hour. The Schuylkill County Fair Association decided to erect two more large buildings on its grounds four miles below Pottsville.

Tripping over a pan of water, Margaret Matthias, aged 6, of Lewisburg, wag so badly scalded that she died at the Geisinger Hospital at Danville. John Ciszek, of Chester, bought a second-hand automobile for \$150 and was trying it for speed. He lost control of the machine and before he could stop it had torn down porches and damaged three dwellings at G24. 626 and 628 Flower street. In default of \$1000 ball Clszek was committed to jail. A man and woman riding in the car escaped unhurt.

Danville Spanish War Veterans Camp has awarded the contract for the erection of a bronze figure of a soldier on a granite boulder, to be placed at the intersection of Bloom and Walnut streets, to Thomas B Evans. The memorial is to be completed in time for unveiling on July 4. The Montour county commissioners have appropriated \$300 toward the orial, which will cost about



1-View on the coast at Swampscott, Mass., that President Coolidge will have from White court, the summer White House. 2-Spokane trophy, for excellence in gunnery, won by crew of battleship Pennsylvania. 3-E. A. Bancroft, ambassador to Japan, and his brother using chopsticks at great banquet given them in Imperial hotel, Tokyo.

## **NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS**

### German Parties Lining Up for Second and Crucial Election on April 25.

### By EDWARD W. PICKARD

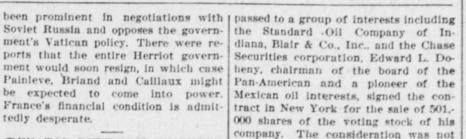
GERMANY failed to elect a Presi-dent to succeed the late Herr Ebert, no one of the seven candidates receiving a majority vote, and now the party bosses are scheming various combinations for the "run-off" election that will be held on April 26. The best guess at this time is that the three candidates who will be offered to the people on that day will be Dr. Karl brief survey of political Washington Jarres, right coalition; Doctor Marx, left coalition, and Herr Thaelmann, communists. Jarres, the monarchist coalition candidate in the first election, led all his rivals but Stresemann's Industrialist party is now trying to substitute another man for him. Braun, Socialist, was second, and Marx, Cath- Michigan." olic Center, was third. Gen, Eric Lu-

dendorff, supported by the Fascisti ultranationalists, ran last and received only about 300,000 votes.

ment's Vatican policy. There were reports that the entire Herriot govern-France's financial condition is admittedly desperate.

SENATOR BURTON K. WHEELER of Montana, indicted by a special federal grand jury in Washington for conspiracy to obtain fraudulently gas and oil permits on public lands in Montana, gave bail of \$1,000 to appear for trial, and then issued a formal statement bitterly assailing the administra-

"The administration seems determined," Mr. Wheeler said, "to chastise every one who has the temerity to criticize or oppose the illegal practices of those in authority at Washington, A during the last few years clearly indicates that I am not alone the subject of administration displeasure. ' Every public man who has raised his voice in protest against incompetence and corruption has been the subject of attack. the last being Senator Couzens of



stated but the present market value of the stock transferred is about \$38.-000,000. The shares are held by the newly organized Pan-American Eastern Petroleum corporation. This deal is the largest consolidation in the history of the oil industry. It gives the Standard Off Company of Indiana an important rank not only in the oil industry in this country, but also in foreign markets. It acquired control not only of the Mexican properties of the Pan-American Petroleum and Transport company, its pipe lines and re fineries, but also of its tanker fleet, consisting of 31 vessels with an aggregate deadweight of 272,500 tons and capable of transporting 1,800,000 barrels of crude oil. This tanker fleet is second in size to that of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

MORE systematic and effective ef-forts to enforce national prohi-BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM MITCHELL, bition are expected to follow the ap-pointment of Assistant Secretary Lincertain of his superiors by advocating coln C. Andrews as the head of all the The fight at the polls April 26 will the creation of a separate air service prohibition activities of the Treasury really be between the republic and the and by his talks and writings concern- department. He was given this post monarchy, for the royalists, though ing the relative importance of planes by Secretary Mellon after Assistant they do not hope to change the form and battleships, thereby losing his po- Secretary Moss and Prohibition Comof government immediately even if sition as assistant chief of the army missioner Haynes had indulged in a they win the election, keep that in air service, has been assigned as an long controversy over the holding of unit of the department and the "dry" work of the coast guard and customs rising to brigadier general, and gained note as the reorganizer of the military after the armistice.



BALTIMORE,-Wheat-No. 2 red, spot, domestic, \$1.65½; No. 2 garlicky, domestic, \$1.651/2.

Oats-No. 2 white, 54c asked; No. 3 white, 52c asked.

Rye-\$1.29 for No. 2 spot.

Hay-No. 2 timothy, per ton, \$19@ 19.50; No. 3 timothy, \$16@17.50; No. 1 light clover mixed, \$18@\$18.50; No. 1 clover mixed, \$17.50@18; No. 2 clover mixed, \$16@17.

Straw-No. 1 straight rye, per ton, \$18.50@19; No. 1 wheat, \$15.50@16; No. 1 oat, \$15.50@16.

Milfeed-Spring wheat bran, Western, in 100-lb. sacks, \$31; Western middlings, brown, \$31@32.

Eggs-Nearby fresh-gathered, firsts, 3 sales, 200 cases, 29c; 3 sales, 75 ases, 29%.

Butter-Creamery, fancy, 47c; do. choice, 45@46; do. good, 43@44; do. prints, 47@49; do, blocks, 46@48; ladles, 29@30; Md. and Pa. rolls, 23@ 28; Ohio rolls, 23@25; West Virginia rolls, 23@25; storepacked, 23.

Live Poultry-Chickens, old hens, 41/2 lbs. and over, per lb., 31@32c; medium, 31/2 to 4 lbs., smooth, per lb.,= 28@30; smaller or rough and poor. per 1b., 25@26; leghorns, per 1b., 25 @26; old roosters, per lb., 17@18; young, large, smooth, per lb., 35@38; leghorns, smooth, large, per lb., 30@ 32; all kinds, rough, poor, stags, per Ib., 25@26; winter, 2 lbs. and under, per lb., 45@50; spring chickens, weighing 1 to 11/4 lbs., 55@60. Ducks, young, Pekings, 4 lbs. and over, per lb., 30@ 32c; puddle, per lb., 28@30; muscovy and mongrel, per lb., 28@29. Guinea fowls, young, 11/2 lbs. and over, each. 90c@\$1. Turkeys, choice, hens, 8 lbs. and over, per lb., 45c; gobblers, per 1b., 40@41; old toms, per 1b., 35; poor and crooked breast, per Ib., 25.

Fish-Bass, native, per lb., 28@30c; do, North Carolina, 25@28. Carp. large, per lb., 6@7c. Rock, boiling, per 1b., 22@25c; medium, 20@25; pan, 15 @18. Perch, white, large, per lb., 15@ 20c; yellow, large, 15@16. Salmon trout, per lb., 28@30c. Flounders. large, per lb., 10@12. Catfish, white, per lb., 6@7c; black, 5@6. Eels, large, per lb., 12@15c. Pike, native, per lb. 18@20c; North Carolina, 10@15. Mackerel, per lb., 30@35c. Shad, roe, Florida, per lb., 20@22c; buck, do, 10 @12; roe, North Carolina, 25@27; buck, do, 15@16; roe, Chesapeake Bay, 25@27; buck, do, 15@16. Herring, per lb., 2@3c.

Clams-Large, per 100, \$1.25@1.40; small to medium, 50c@\$1.

Oysters-Raw box, per brl. \$4.50@ primes, \$3,50@4: culs, \$2!

the sake of decency and the Republican party."

A bill tending to end in the future the squabble between administrative heads and legislative leaders over departmental appropriations was introduced in the senate by Senator Loodward, of Philadelpria. It provides that the appropriation chairmen of the senate and house are to aid the secretary of the commonwealth, who under the administrative code is the commonwealth budget officer in preparing the budget.

Their expenses while assisting the budget officer are to be paid out of the legislative contingent fund. At present the appropriation chairmen have no say in preparing the budget, but after it is submitted to them revise it to suit their own estimates on appropriations. Reductions in departmental appropriations made by the two chairmen have led to a serious row.

#### Governor Signs Bills.

Approval of five bills to provide increased educational facilities for blind and deaf children was announced at the governor's office.

The hills would provide for enumeration of these children at the regualr school enumeration, require school districts to pay 25 per cent and the state 75 per cent of the cost of tuition and maintenance in special schools, provide full-time teachers for special classes for these children organized in districts, require their parents or guardians to send them to school, authorize the Department of Public Instruction to extend the time during which they, may be educated in whole or part at state expense and to expend \$500 annually on each blind or deaf student in the college or university in the state.

The bills were introduced by Senator Lanius, the blind member from York. Other bills signed included:

By Woodward, Philadelphia, prohibiting the sale of milk in eating places and on dining cars except in the original containers.

By Williams, Tioga, requiring notices of sales of unsealed lands to be published for three consecutive weeks in two newspapers in the county where the lands are located.

By Bonbrake, Franklin, permitting the Department of Forests and Waters" to accept gifts or donations.

The house passed two bills sponsored by Senator Woodward, of Philadelphia, making changes in the state retirement system. The first would give teachers a year in which to decide whether they will enter the state retirement system or the teachers' retirement fund, and the other imposes the duty upon recipients of annuities to be prepared to return to duty if called.

The senate by a vote of 28 to 19 passed the Homsher bill repealing the act requiring registering and licensing of professional engineers and land Aurveyors.

\$3000. Escape of two youths, charged with

theft, from the Fayette county jall at Uniontown, led to the discovery that the walls about the stone incased prison room were so deteriorated that they were easily penetrated. Dr. William C. Farrabee, noted scientist of the University of Pennsylvania Museum, ill for months at

Washington with pernicious anemia. underwent his thirtleth blood transfusion. Blood was given by Harry Horrock, of Washington, who has submitted to the operation twice in two weeks. Dr. Farrabee rallied satisfac torily, but is in an extremely weak condition.

Lodge halls used for assemblage of members and not leased for entertainments do not have to comply with the laws requiring an emergency lighting system for places of assembly. Deputy Attorney General Campbell at Harrisburg advised Secretary of Labor and Industry R. H. Lansburgh of

the ruling. The big tobacco factories of P. Lorillard & Co., at Lancaster, have been closed down and will probably be made over into a warehouse. The cigarmaking business of the company will be discontinued in Lancaster and almost 500 men and women have been thrown out of work. The plants were actually closed two weeks ago, but almost 1,000,000 cigars then on hand were unsold. Since that time a small force of workers has bene kept at the

factory to handle the output, but now even that force is out. The joint convention of the Eastern Ice Association and the Pennsylvania Ice Producers' Association closed at Pittsburgh with two meetings and a luncheon in the Fort Pitt Hotel, Joseph McKinley, of the Duquesne Light Company, Pittsburgh, spoke on "Pow-He traced the development of re." the use of electricity in the operation of ice manufacturing plants. Since 1910, when electricity was first tried. he pointed out, electric equipment has

been installed in approximately 90 per cent of the plants, Burglars looted the store and home of John Dougherty, at Kulpmont, while

the family was away. W. F. Brenninger, of Cressona, was retired by the Reading Railway after 45 years of service.

The Northumberland county commissioners were asked to contribute \$1500 to aid in the effort to have only pure bred stock in that territory. Directing the clearing away of a fall of tock at Lawrence colliery, Shenandoah, Caleb Lee, assistant fire boss, was killed by a second fall. Appointment of Forrest P. Kings-

bury, of Allentown, as senior draftsman in the department of highways was announced.

State highway patrolmen made 10 arrests for automobile law violations in the eastern end of Lancaster county.

is causing a let of anxiety in France.

 $B_{\rm of\ the\ attitude\ of\ the\ allies\ toward}^{\rm ERLIN\ has\ been\ officially\ notified}$ the guarantee pact which Germany has offered. What England, Italy and Belgium have to say is not definitely known, but it is known that Premier Herriot has sent a series of specific questions and makes it plain that France insists that the eastern frontiers must be guaranteed the same as the Rhineland and that Germany must join the League of Nations. Herriot's firmness should do much to relieve the anxiety of Poland. Former Premier Poincare made an important speech warning France to reject Germany's proposal and to decline to reduce her armaments while Germany remains a potential danger.

France's position in regard to the new conference on limitation of armaments which President Coolidge desires to call is at this writing a matter of controversy. Dispatches from Paris say Ambassador Daeschner was instructed to tell the Washington government that France "could not permit any intrusion in her military forces until the security problem has been solved." On the other hand the embassy in Washington denied that M. Daeschner had received such instrucand the State department it was asconcerning the proposed conference The sellers were the widows of John had been received from the French and Horace Dodge. Some time ago it government. It was explained that was learned they were tired of busi-Secretary of State Kellogg was still ness cares and wished to sell their studying the situation and had not yet property, and at once there began a taken up with the President the matter lively struggle among various interests of approaching other governments, to obtain it. Many bids were rejected Senator Borah, who as chairman of and the final contest was between two the senate foreign relations counthittee groups of bankers, one headed by Dilshould know what he is talking about, lon, Read & Co, and the other by J. P. says the plans for the conference Morgan & Co., who are largely intershould go forward and feels certain ested in the General Motors corporathat reports of French opposition are | tion. The company is to be maintained exaggerated. Senator King of Utah, as a separate organization, but an enafter calling on President Coolidge and tirely new corporation will be formed. Secretary Kellogg, expressed the belief | chartered in Michigan, with a capital that the conference would be held in of between \$175,000,000 and \$200,000-. Washington before whater and that it 000. Its backbone will be an issue of would take up the reduction of land first mortgage bonds, probably of about

000,000 paper francs to the money cir- curities will be made soon,

view for the not distant future. It is air officer of the Eighth army corps the balance of power. The prohibition said they have completed their plans with headquarters at San Antonio. for putting the eldest son of former Texas. The transfer takes effect April Crown Prince Frederick William on 26 and on the same date Mitchell autothe throne in case a right coalition can- matically reverts to his former rank of He was in the regular army 30 years, didate is elected President, and that colonel. Mitchell wanted to be as-Frederick William himself favors this signed to the Sixth corps with headscheme. This prospect is worrying the quarters at Chicago, but Secretary police system of the army in France republican press of Germany and also Weeks decided otherwise. "In selecting a post for General Mitchell," said he, "I took into consideration the fact

that his rank as colonel in the air service entitles him to the best air post in the corps area. I understand he wanted to go to Chicago, but he did not apply formally for that post."

BY A vote of four to three the testimony had been heard Judge Eng-United States shipping board de-lish took the stand in his own behalf. cided last week to sell to the Dollar son vigorously opposed the sale, pointing out that the price was \$25,000,000 later. less than the original cost of the ships

and \$15,000,000 less than it would cost to build them at this time. The Pacific Mail Steamship company has been There are hints that this concern may try to prevent consummation of the deal and may carry the matter before congress at the next session.

THE week in the United States was marked by two huge financial transactions. In the first the Dodge ibly can."

Brothers Automobile company was sold to a syndicate of bankers headed by Dillon, Read & Co. of New York. The exact sum was not made public it is

WHETHER Federal Judge George W. English of the Eastern district of Illinois shall be impeached will not be known until December when the congressional subcommittee that has been investigating his acts reports to the full committee. After a lot of

Some of the accusations of official missteamship interests its five vessels now conduct he denied, others he sought to in the California-Orient service. The explain and to justify, and in excuse price obtained\_is \$5,625,000. Commis- of others he pleaded ignorance of the sioners Plummer, Thompson and Ben- law. The subcommittee adjourned but may hear some further evidence

THE sixth international neo-malthu-I sian and birth control conference came to an end in New York last week operating these ships for the board after adopting a resolution providing and was a bidder for their purchase. for encouragement of large families among persons of superior stock.

> "The conference believes," said the resolution, "that persons whose progeny give promise of being of decided value to the community should be encouraged to bear as large families, properly spaced, as they feel they feas-

An international birth-control committee was appointed, with England, Scandinavia, Austria, Hungary, Holtions, and at both the White House consideration was cash and though the land, Germany, Japan, China, Mexico, Switzerland and America represented. serted that no official communication known to be more than \$175,000,000. The conference voted to raise a fund to pay the fine of 37,000 francs to save Eugene Humbert and his wife from further imprisonment in France for distributing birth-control pamphlets. The next international conference will be held in Geneva next August.

> DRESIDENT COOLIDGE, it is announced, has selected White court. at Swampscott, Mass., for his summer vacation and he and his family will go there on June 13. The residence was leased recently by Frank W. Stearns, the President's close friend.

SECRETARY WEEKS has invited bids for the purchase of power developed by the Wilson dam at Muscle Shoals. This is in accordance with the forces as well as of naval forces. \$100,000,000, the balance to be repre- plan of the army engineers to develop sented in common and preferred and sell the power pending final dispo-ETIENNE CLEMENTEL, French stocks, in which control of the organi-minister of finance, resigned zation will be vested. It is not unlike- About July 1 the Wilson dam will be-Thursday night because of opposition by that an offering to the public of gin the development of 100,000 horsen the senate to his plan to add 6,000,- some new Dodge Brothers company se- power daily. It is not expected that high rates of pay will be obtained culation of the country for the purpose It was announced Wednesday night since the contracts must be revocable of aiding business. Senator de Monzle thad control of the Pan-American Pe- by the government on 30 days' notice was selected to succeed him. He has troled and Transport company had and will be of short duration.

NEW YORK .- Wheat-Spot firm; No. 1 dark Northern spring, c. i. f., lake and rail, \$1.82%; No. 2 hard winter, f. o. b., lake and rail, and No. 2 mixed durum, do, \$1.631/2; No. 1 Manitoba, do, in bond, \$1.69%.

Corn-Spot steady; No. 2 yellow, c. i. f. track New York, all rail, \$1.241/2; No. 2 mixed, do. \$1.23%.

Oats-Spot steady; No. 2 white, 53 @53%c.

Hay-Easy; No. 1, \$25; No. 2, \$22@ 23; No. 3, \$19@21; sample, \$14@17. Eggs-Fresh-gathered, extra firsts,

31%@32c; do, storage packed, 32%@ 33; fresh-gathered, firsts, 30@31; do, storage packed, 311/2 @ 32; fresh-gathered, seconds, 291/2 @29%; nearby hennery whites, closely selected, extras, 39@40.

PHILADELPHIA. - Wheat - No. 2 red winter, \$1.58% @1.59%

Corn-No. 2 yellow, \$1.30 1/2 @ 1.31 1/2. Butter-Solid-packed, higher scoring than extras, 47%@50%c; extras, 92 score, 461/2; 91 score, 46; 90 score, 45; 89 score, 44; 88 score, 40; 87 score, 39; 86 score, 381/2.

Eggs-Extra firsts, 32c; firsts, 30; seconds, 27@28.

Cheese-New York, whole milk, flats, held, 261/2@271/2c.

Dressed Poultry-Fowls, fresh-killed, dry-picked, in boxes, according to weight, 25@33c; in barrels, according to weight, 25@32; fresh-killed chickens, in boxes, according to weight, 28 @40; in barrels, according to weight, 26@38; frozen chickens, in boxes, according to weight, 32@40; old roosters. dry-picked, Western, large, 23@24; medium size, 20@22; turkeys, fancy, 42@45; fair to good, 35@40.

### LIVE STOCK

BALTIMORE .- Cattle-Steers, good to choice, \$9.50@10.25; medium, \$8.75 @9.25; common to medium. \$7.75@ 8.50; common, \$6@7.50. Heifers, good to choice, \$8@8.75; fair to good, \$7@ 7.75; common to medium, \$5.50@6.75. Bulls, good to choice, \$5.75@6.50; fair to good, \$4.75@5.50; common to medium, \$4@4.50. Cows, good to choice, \$5.50@6.50; fair to good, \$4.25@5.25.

Sheep and Lambs-Sheep, \$3@8.50; lambs, \$11@17.25.

Hogs-Lights, \$13.70@13.80; heavy, \$14.10@14.20; medium, \$14@14.05; pigs, \$12.75@13; light pigs, \$11@11.50; roughs, \$8@12.

Calves-Calves, \$5@13.

CHICAGO .- Cattle-Fed steers, top bandyweights, \$12.60; yearlings, \$12.50; mixed steers and heifers, \$11.50; stockers and feeders mostly \$7 @8; strictly choice meaty yearlings, \$8.75; bulls mostly \$8.50@10.50.