

Pennsylvania State News

The entire Reading police force were made members of the Humane Society of Berks county.

The Boyertown School Board has started a crusade against dealers selling cigarettes to minors.

Among the jurors drawn for the January Court of Quarter Sessions Court at Lewistown are 18 women.

A bonus of 5 per cent on wages for the year of all employees was announced by the Bloomsburg Brick Company.

The Bethlehem Community Chest Association has decided that its annual drive for funds shall take place May 3 to 10.

Montour county jurors were notified not to appear for the December term of court, since only three cases, one civil and two criminal, are listed for trial.

District Attorney Davis has demanded \$500 cash bail of all the women in the Carbon county jail arrested recently when the Long Run Hotel was raided by state police.

In the spirit of fair dealing and amity the newspapers of New Jersey continue to reflect the sentiments of the people of that state who hope that the deadlock on the bridge is in process of breaking with a better feeling and understanding on all sides.

The proposal for ending the anthracite strike submitted to the miners and operators by the Luzerne county members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives is "simply the operators' plan wrapped in a new package," said John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, in a formal statement.

Governor Pinchot called on the mayors and burgesses of communities in the anthracite region for suggestions to end the anthracite mining controversy and end the suffering as a result of the present shutdown. The governor made his request in an address opening a public meeting with the municipal executives at his office in Harrisburg.

The Charleroi Chamber of Commerce, through its secretary, James T. He ran, has registered complaint with the Public Service Commission against the cars recently placed in operation between Charleroi and Roscoe by the Pittsburgh Railways Company. It is claimed the new cars are too small and sway to such an extent while running that passengers are made ill by the motion.

Cash and securities amounting to \$20,000 were stolen from the Seven Valleys National Bank, ten miles south of York. The robbers used a novel method to obtain their loot. After breaking into the vault they cut a hole through the top of the safe by using a torch. They then filled the safe with water and as the securities and money floated past the opening the burglars fished them out.

A few motorists carrying 1926 license tags from Pennsylvania have been stopped on South Jersey highways and made to explain the reason for using them. In New Jersey tags for the new year cannot be used until January 1. The motor vehicle agents have been consulted by police officials and declare that no order has been received from the state department to arrest Pennsylvania owners with the new tags, so they will be allowed to use them.

Bids for printing of reports of Superior Court cases will be asked by the State January 15, to take the place of bids rejected last summer.

An unidentified man, found unconscious in the restroom of a moving picture house in Pittsburgh by a watchman, is dying in the Women's Homeopathic Hospital. Physicians are of the opinion that he suffered a heart attack.

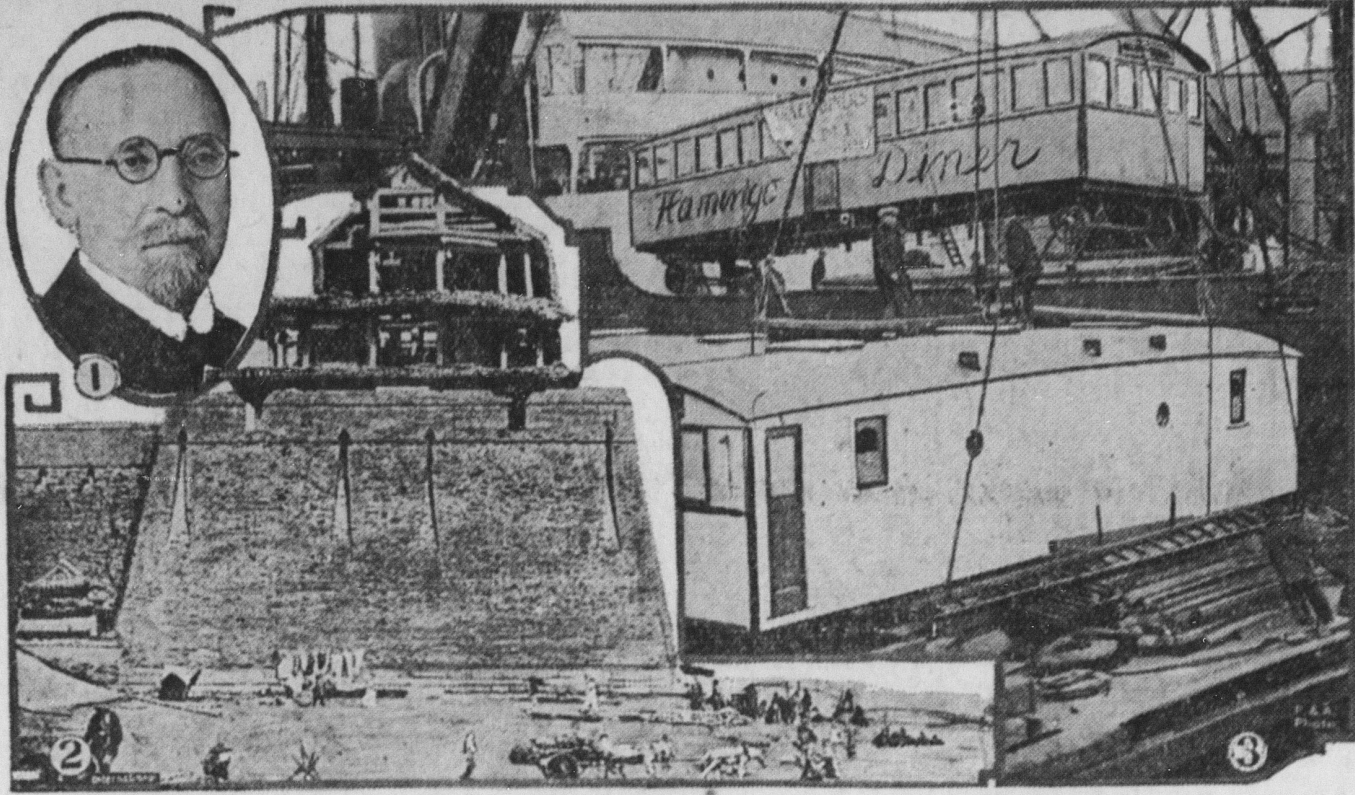
Governor Pinchot has called an extra session of the Pennsylvania General Assembly for 2 p. m. January 13. Eight subjects are set forth in the call for consideration by the Legislature. Among these is anthracite coal and regulation of the mining industry.

Dauphin county's highway improvement program was outlined by Commissioners Cumber, Taylor and Black. Commissioner Taylor told the township officials that the board of county commissioners considers it its duty to defer the erection of a new courthouse or city-county building until the county has roads on which citizens can come to that courthouse every month in the year.

While Clarion county will be the only one in Western Pennsylvania to be given immediate attention by the State's Fisheries Department field force on the survey of streams, it is the intention to include Allegheny and other counties within a year and to map each stream with a statement for fishermen and water users of the character, dimensions, lines, kind of bottom and banks.

County Commissioner M. Harvey Taylor was elected president of the Dauphin County Association of Township Supervisors and Auditors at the convention of the association in the Dauphin County Courthouse. He succeeds County Commissioner C. C. Sumbler.

Joseph D. Kesselring, of Hazleton, on January 1 will take office as the president of the Mahanoy and Hazleton division branch of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Clerks' Association. The tellers have just completed the count of the referendum vote and Kesselring had a big lead over all his opponents.



1—Simeon Radloff, the new minister from Bulgaria to the United States. 2—Walls of Mukden, which city Japan is protecting from the warring Chinese factions. 3—Ready-built lunch wagons being loaded on steamer at New York for Miami, where it is difficult to get meals.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

President Likely to Accept League's Invitation to Disarmament Parley.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE is desirous of accepting the invitation of the League of Nations to participate in the preliminary discussion of a world disarmament congress, and with that in view he has conferred with congressional leaders, asking whether it is necessary to obtain the permission of congress and an appropriation. Among others, Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee was called to the White House. When he left he said he was in complete accord with the President on the subject, and it was indicated that the Chief Executive intended to submit the matter to congress. Senator Lenroot of Wisconsin also talked with Mr. Coolidge, and he said most of the senate would favor accepting the invitation of the league. Former Secretary of State Hughes was a guest of the President at luncheon and this led to the belief he would be named to head the American delegation to the congress, which was held to be quite fitting since he is given large credit for the Washington armament conference of 1921. Hugh Gibson, minister to Switzerland, will represent America in the preliminaries.

According to information from the White House, the President has considerably modified his idea that the United States might appropriately participate in a conference for the further reduction of naval armament, but that inasmuch as the limitation of land armament is almost solely an European problem America should not take part in the discussion of that matter unless invited in to compose differences of the European nations on the question.

Whether it will be necessary to obtain the consent of congress to acceptance of the league's invitation is a matter still undetermined. The Knox reservation to the Berlin treaty apparently is not applicable, but the act of 1913 forbids acceptance of an invitation to an international conference without specific authority of congress. Senator King of Utah has introduced in the senate a resolution authorizing the President to accept the invitation, and Representative Hamilton Fish of New York has introduced a similar resolution in the house. The matter probably must await the reassembling of congress on January 4.

Another matter upon which Mr. Coolidge sought the advice of Mr. Hughes was the appeal by Chile from the decision of General Pershing declaring the Tacna-Arica plebiscite until April 15.

CONGRESS adjourned Wednesday for a 13-day holiday recess. The house had passed the tax reduction bill—which will not have such an easy passage through the senate—and had made ready to take a vote on the treasury-post office supply bill immediately after reconvening. It also adopted a resolution calling for an investigation of the alleged manipulation of crude rubber prices by the British colonial government.

While considering the treasury appropriation measure the representatives found an opportunity to give old John Barleycorn another hard jab. Mr. Tucker of Virginia, a dry, sought to amend the bill so as to restrict the use of funds in the purchase of liquor as evidence of law violation. The proposed appropriation for this purpose is \$250,000, and Mr. Tucker's amendment would have provided that no portion of this might be used "to induce any person by fraud, deceit or falsehood to violate the prohibition law." The argument was long and warm, embracing the merits or demerits of prohibition, but when it came to a vote only 17 supported Mr. Tucker, while 139 were against him. This being in the committee of the whole, the votes were not recorded.

COLONEL MITCHELL may well pray to be saved from his friends if those who arose in congress in his

behalf are representative of the men who believe in the suspended officer. Nothing could harm his cause more than the action of such men as Blanton of Texas, La Guardia of New York and Tillman of Arkansas, who have been abusing the court-martial and its verdict and seeking ways of undoing what it did. Secretary of War Davis, it is said in Washington, is going to try to restore harmony between the various branches of the army, and at the same time is determined to take drastic measures if necessary to maintain absolute discipline. He knows no reason for delay in bringing the significance of the Mitchell case home to any other branch of the service where there has been evidence of open disagreement with settled departmental or national policies.

Representative Bloom of New York has proposed to Mayor-Elect Walker that Colonel Mitchell be appointed police commissioner of New York city. He said he believed congress would enact any legislation necessary to make the appointment possible.

BRIG. GEN. SMEDLEY D. BUTLER resigned from the marine corps in order to continue as director of public safety of Philadelphia. Mayor Kendrick then, in a stormy interview with Butler, told him he did not want him in his cabinet "as a resigned officer because he did not want any other action misunderstood by President Coolidge." Who had refused the general a further leave of absence. He demanded that Butler resign, and this being refused, he dismissed him from his position. It was understood that General Butler's resignation from the marine corps would be withdrawn. Concerning his plans he said:

"I'm going to my home in Overbrook and I'm going to drive there in a car of the United States marine corps. The marines can take care of me, and I'd rather be in the marine corps than in 15,000,000 cities like Philadelphia."

DISSATISFACTION with President Coolidge's farm relief legislation policies was voiced at Des Moines by the executive committee of the American Council of Agriculture and the Corn Belt Committee of Farm Organizations. The joint committee, which claims to represent more than a million farmers of the Middle West, criticized Mr. Coolidge's recent address concerning agriculture, denied that the Fordney-Cumber tariff is of great benefit to agriculture as a whole, and announced that an export measure would be submitted to congress. A resolution adopted notes "with a degree of amusement" that the new measure sponsored by Secretary Jardine is to prove a means of salvation to the farmer by supplying him with an expert fund of information about the "mysteries of co-operative marketing." Farmers, the resolution says, have more information than they need—in fact, have but little else, and need "a fair price rather than more information."

Congress is warned in another section of the joint committee's resolutions that industry "should not blame the farmers if they invoke the principle of self-preservation and declare war on the protective tariff." This "war" is promised if industry insists that it cannot exist without the tariff and refuses to grant agriculture like protection.

High up in the Republican party, too, there are those who believe that the President's plans do not go far enough. Among them are Senator Capper, Former Governor Lowden of Illinois and Vice President Dawes. Mr. Capper has his own program, the main features of which are:

1. Legislation providing machinery for segregating the surplus of any crop, selling it abroad for what it will bring, presumably at a price below that of the home market, and distributing the loss among the producers.
2. Development of co-operative marketing with the assistance of government agencies.
3. Liberalization of the farm loan law and amplification of the farm credit system.
4. Tax relief for the farmer, to be accomplished by rigid economy in national and local governments and by a constitutional amendment prohibiting issuance of tax-free securities, the present and increasing volume of which is becoming an unbearable tax burden to agriculture.

WHAT was characterized as one of the most sensational crop reports in the history of the country was issued Wednesday by the government and caused prices of wheat, corn and oats to skyrocket on the Chicago board of trade. The shorts were forced to cover without being able to force prices back materially. The figures released by the government were its final estimate on the 1925 yield of grain, which showed a downward revision somewhere in the vicinity of 30,000,000 bushels. This indicated that the country had used some 15,000,000 bushels of last year's carry-over. Total yield of all wheat is fixed at 629,365,000 bushels, or a decrease of 193,282,000 bushels, as compared with final figures a year ago.

The total crop and carry-over amount to 756,000,000 bushels. Of this the people consume in bread and seed 640,000,000 bushels, leaving a surplus of 116,000,000 bushels. Exports to December 1 total approximately 50,000,000 bushels, making a 66,000,000-bushel carry-over, or a reduction of 27,000,000 bushels, compared with last year.

ONE of the Middle West's sensational murder trials has ended with a verdict of guilty. John Looney, who used to be called the "king of the underworld" of Rock Island, Ill., and who formerly was editor of the Rock Island News, was convicted of killing William Gabel, a saloonkeeper who, according to the charges of the state, had betrayed Looney and eight others in a blackmail conspiracy. Looney was sentenced to 14 years in the penitentiary.

The Gabel killing was an upshot of vice and factional feud conditions in Rock Island for several years during which Looney's son, Conner, was killed as he sat in an automobile in front of a hotel, and Looney fled to the Southwest and for a long time successfully fought attempts to return him for trial.

AT THE insistence of Prime Minister Baldwin, the British parliament accepted the League of Nations council's award of the Mosul vilayet to Great Britain's mandate state of Iraq, before recessing for the holidays. The Labor members protested and left the house in a body. Mr. Baldwin and his cabinet at once opened negotiations with Turkey which it is believed will remove the danger of war over the oil lands. The prime minister held a long conference with Ahmed Ferid Bey, the Turkish ambassador, and it was understood the latter left, pleased with the hope that Turkey would receive compensation for its loss. Paris correspondents assert that in case Turkey should remain recalcitrant and start hostilities, the British have planned for an attack on Turkey by the Greek and Italian armies and a naval demonstration by the British, French, Italian and Greek fleets. The western powers also have been moving to induce Russia to withdraw her support of Turkey.

THERE are signs of early peace in both Morocco and Syria, though some bloody engagements have taken place in recent days. Abd-el-Krim has sent an emissary to France to receive the French and Spanish terms, and the Druses in Syria are inclined to accept the offers of M. Jouvenal, the French high commissioner.

All, king of the Hedjaz, has abdicated because the Wahabls under Ibn Saud captured the city of Mecca after defeating the army at Jeddah.

THERE was fierce fighting in China last week between the troops of Chang and the people's army, and the victories alternated, if dispatches can be credited. The last report at this writing is that the Manchurian has defeated his foes and occupied strong positions. Meanwhile the Japanese forces continue to hold Mukden to protect the city and foreign interests there from the warring factions.

FRANK A. MUNSEY, millionaire publisher of newspapers and magazines, died in New York after an operation for appendicitis. He was a bachelor and left no direct heirs, and the disposition of his estate is a matter of interested speculation. His fortune, including the New York Sun and the Telegram, is variously estimated at from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000.

Community Building

Importance of Garden Must Be Recognized

Let us not forget that the original paradise was a garden and that ever since man and woman lost it they have been trying to get back to paradise! Why? Because instinctively they know that it contained all the elements of happiness: beautiful surroundings, quiet, peace, understanding, retirement from the dangers and trials of the world—a place all their own! The garden of Eden—paradise—is not visualized by any man or woman as a crowded park or busy countryside thoroughfare. It is a garden with just one man and one woman—one family—in it! Where, may we not properly ask, is it but in our own dooryards? That whole glorious dream can be made a living reality if we but set our hands and hearts to it. But we can't rent our chessman at the pawnshop, if there is to be any security in our family lives. We must take care that the siren doesn't lure us out of the garden and close the gates behind us! —Better Homes and Gardens.

Seek to Make Every School Beauty Spot

The directors of the McPherson (Kan.) chamber of commerce have inaugurated a campaign by which it is hoped to convert the desolate and bleak appearance of the average rural school grounds in the county into beauty spots. The directors have secured the services of Paul V. Baker, landscape gardener, who will furnish every school board of the county with a plan drawn especially for their particular school, and which can be installed at an approximate cost of \$100. The directors are furnishing this service free to the boards.

The directors are also considering a plan whereby they hope to plant trees along the Santa Fe trail and the Meridian highway, reaching out five miles in every direction from the city. These trees are to be planted not more than fifty feet apart on both sides of the roads.

City Highway Problems

The greatest annoyance in cities today is that our highways, inherited from a horse-drawn age, are insufficient for our present needs. To rebuild an entire city to meet the requirements of such an epoch-making thing as the motor car is no small task, but it can be done. The approach to the problem must be a new one. The experience of the past avails nothing. The ideal to be sought is a direct route from the garage in the cellar of my house, with little control or traffic regulation, in any direction to the open country. If we can reach the country easily, the city becomes perfect. We live in comfort and gregariously, and yet have all the pleasures of rural life. The problem obviously requires a separation of classes of traffic, and the elimination of grade crossings of streets on trunk highways.—North American Review.

Paint Right

"Penny wise and pound foolish" is the man who thinks to save money by putting cheap paint and varnish in his house. The cost of application for poor paint and for good paint is identical. The only difference is that poor paint will have to be put on twice as often. You can figure it out for yourself. A new house of frame construction that would sell in the market at about \$5,000 usually has about \$50 worth of paint and varnish on it. Is it worth while to try and bring down the cost of the paint, which is about 1 per cent of the total cost of your home to save one-half of 1 per cent, and then have to do the painting over again in a year?

Lightning Rod Value

A lightning hazard is rapidly increasing from year to year with the extension of telegraph, telephone, lighting and power lines over the country. When a stroke of lightning occurs anywhere near such lines it causes, by induction, a sudden surge, or rush of current, which is likely not only to injure wires and insulators, but also to be carried into buildings, where it may damage costly electrical machinery and possibly cause fires. Buildings are protected by lightning rods, the value of which is fully proved by statistics.—New York World.

Schoolhouses

Crowded schoolhouses are never found in stagnant cities or communities. The crowded schools show community growth, but they are temporarily inconvenient. Better relieve the crowding rather than stop the growing.—Anniston Star.

Collectors' Hobbies

Eyeglasses, unless they are suited to your own sight, are singularly useless things, says a writer in John O'London's Weekly, yet these form the subject of several collections. The late queen of Denmark used to collect them.

Many people specialize in "black museums" on a small scale; relics of famous crimes, pieces of rope with which famous criminals have been executed, and the like. To some minds these possess a certain morbid interest.



AN EXCEPTION

Husband—This tomato soup tastes just like that my mother used to make.

Wife—I'm glad to hear it. You have never said before that anything of mine was as good as your mother's. She was a fine cook, I suppose?

Husband—Yes. There was only one thing she couldn't make properly.

Wife—What was that?

Husband—Tomato soup!—Stockholm Kasper.

Unto This End

"By the way," said the lawyer who was drawing up the will, "I notice that you've named six bankers to be your pallbearers. Would you rather choose some friends with whom you are on better terms?"

"No, that's all right," was the quick reply. "Those fellows have carried me so long they might as well finish the job."—Boston Transcript.

HARD CASH



First Citizen—Has Zero made much money in the ice cream business. The Other One—He made a cool million.

She Wants to Know

He said he had never loved before. As he gave the girl a kiss. "Then how," asked the girl, with her head in a whirl, "did you learn to love like this?"

Showed Her New Steps

Hostess (at dance)—What have you and Arthur been doing outside all this time?

Dolly—Oh, he showed me some new steps.

"But I thought he didn't dance."

"He doesn't. We sat on them."

Willing to Swap

Wealthy Judge (lecturing a prisoner)—A clear conscience, my man, is more to be desired than riches.

Prisoner—All right, sir, I'll swap with you.

Love's Labor

The man who loves his little wife and heeds her every call and beck has still another duty now—He shaves the back of dearie's neck.

Dangerous Sport

"Are you going to the masquerade?"

"No; last time I won a prize and my friends all got mad at me."

Retreat

"Why should we buy a house, dear?"

"Well, we have no car, and we ought to get a place to hide."

RENEWABLE CHARMS



Mr. Laurels—Mere physical beauty is all too fleeting.

Miss Manchester—It doesn't last long but, then, it can be renewed every day.

Breakfast Didn't Worry

"You don't mean to tell me you married Elsie Spender?"

"But I do—I mean I did," replied the optimistic bridegroom.

"Why, your salary won't even buy her breakfast!"

"Ha! Ha!" laughed the optimist. "That's where I've got you. Elsie won't get up for breakfast!"

Once Upon a Time

Counsel—Now, sir, tell me, are you well acquainted with the prisoner?

Witness—I've known him for twenty years.

"Have you ever known him to be a disturber of the public peace?"

"Well—er—he used to belong to a band."

A Trade Trick

"Are you familiar with Brown?"

"Yes, I've been a baker for years."—Pitt Panther.