

PEOPLE'S LOCAL OPTION FIGHT IS ON AT CAPITAL

Delegations From All Parts of State Fill Hall—Two Overflow Meetings.

Resolutions Unanimously In-dorsing Williams Bill and Calling for Special Services in All Churches of the State Next Sunday Adopted.

Philadelphians Parade in Harrisburg With Band and Transparencies. Dr. Isaac Sharpless Permanent Chairman—Doctor Tomkins Opens Meeting With Prayer.

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 6.—A throng of 3000 persons crowded every inch of available space in the hall of the House of Representatives when the local option hearing opened before the House Committee on Law and Order this afternoon.

Hours before 2:30, the time set for the hearing, the galleries, the rear of the hall and even the corridors outside were packed with citizens who came here from every county in the State to take part in the tremendous demonstration that is being held here today in favor of local option.

It was a "near-riot" and only after threats of calling out the State police had been made, and the sergeant-at-arms had been sent through the crowd with his mace to bring order out of the chaos, so that Governor Brumbaugh, the members of the committee and the speakers could be seated, was anything like order restored.

MEETINGS PRECEDE HEARING. The unanimous adoption of two resolutions, one giving unqualified support to the Williams local option bill and the other setting aside next Sunday as a day for State-wide prayer for local option in Pennsylvania, concluded the first session of the great temperance demonstration here today.

Overturning the Chestnut Street Auditorium long before 10 o'clock, the hour scheduled for the meeting, the local option advocates, who could not crowd into the hall returned to Market Square and to the Capitol steps, where meetings were held.

Simultaneously with the arrival of the local option delegates came the liquor men in a silent parade. They marched from the station to the Capitol steps. While they have chosen speakers for the hearing this afternoon before the Law and Order Committee, they made no demonstration this morning.

PHILADELPHIANS CHEERED. The Philadelphia local option delegation, coming in special trains, arrived at 11:30 o'clock and marched in a body to the Auditorium. Led by a band and carrying transparencies, they were loudly cheered as they marched through Capitol street.

J. Denny O'Neill, County Commissioner of Pittsburgh, opened the meeting in the Chestnut Street Auditorium, introducing Dr. Isaac Sharpless, president of Haverford College, who acted as permanent

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MICHIGAN 'DRYS' CARRY 13 OUT OF 16 COUNTIES

Local Option Election Result Closes 265 Saloons.

LANSING, Mich., April 6.—A sweeping victory for "dry" forces in Michigan was indicated today when nearly complete returns from 16 counties which yesterday held local option elections showed the opponents of liquor were winners in probably 13 of them.

As a result of the election 265 saloons will be closed on May 1.

Bullet in Foot, Walks Half Mile

"Lip" Arthur Wine, 13 years old, 462 Hawthorne street, Frankford, is right on the job when it comes to gameness. He is a student at Girard College, and this afternoon was to return there after his Easter vacation. This morning, while playing with a .22-calibre rifle, he shot himself in the foot. He walked half a mile to the Frankford Hospital. His mother was away from home when the accident occurred. The boy "didn't know the gun was loaded."

GREATER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ADDS 700 NEW MEMBERS

First Day of Whirlwind Campaign for Creation of City-wide Trade Body Brings Reward to Workers of the Many Teams.

More than 700 new members were obtained in two hours today throughout the city in the first day of the whirlwind campaign for the reorganization and enlargement of the Chamber of Commerce. Promptly at 10 o'clock this morning the 108 teams of business men who volunteered to solicit new members began their work with a flying start, and after rushing through every section in automobiles, returned to the luncheon at the Adelphi with results that exceeded the most enthusiastic expectations of the backers of the plan to make Philadelphia's central

THREE DROWNED WHEN AUTO PLUNGES INTO OPEN DRAW

Five Others Rescued After Fall From Bridge Into Passaic River.

JERSEY CITY, April 6.—Gordon Knapp, son of a wealthy resident of East Orange, and Eugene Stephens, 19 years old, and Clarence Stanton, 19, both of Newark, were drowned early today when an automobile in which they were riding toward Newark crashed through the gates guarding the open draw of the New Jersey bridge over the Passaic River and plunged into the stream.

The automobile contained eight passengers when the disaster occurred. The five men rescued were William L. Bidde and Alfred Skinner, of Newark; L. D. Andrews, of South Orange; Kenneth B. Hay, of Dubois, Pa., and one other.

The machine was owned by Bidde. He was returning from New York after attending a banquet of the alumni of Montclair Academy when he picked up the other men.

Postal Revenues Increase

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Postal revenues, which are regarded as an unfailing barometer of business prosperity or depression, have been steadily increasing month by month. The March reports, made public at the department, indicate a return to normal conditions by midsummer.

RUSSIANS IN HUNGARY DRIVE AGAINST FOE'S REAR AT USZOK PASS

Austrians Menaced on Both Sides of Carpathian Gateway—Slavs Hold Four Railroads Leading to Budapest.

Russians who drove through Dukla Pass into Hungary are sweeping eastward to attack the defenders at the southern end of Uszok Pass. Austrian forces are now menaced on both sides of the Carpathians.

The great battle for control of the Carpathians rages with unabated fury. Petrograd and Vienna bulletins agree. The Slavs now are concentrating assaults on Lupkow Pass, with its viable passage and railway facilities. The defenders have been pushed to the last ridge and defiles and bayonet fighting is bitter on the southern slopes. The Petrograd War Office announces capture of the important post of Ciska on the Galician side of the Carpathians, and 15 miles from Lupkow. The Slavs also have seized heights dominating Uszok Pass, possession of the railroads therein being necessary for prosecution of the advance on Budapest.

In Bukovina, north of Czernowitz, the Russians have taken 4000 prisoners, the official bulletin announces. Austria announces repulse of invading forces which tried to cross the Danister, but is reticent concerning the Carpathian situation.

French troops have begun their spring drive against German positions west of Verdun and maintain steady pressure on entrenched lines of the Kaiser's men in the Champagne and Argonne. Seven army corps oppose the advance of the French, and losses on both sides are reported very heavy.

Germans continue to bombard Rheims, and the city is devastated. SLAVS AIM REAR DRIVE AT ENEMY IN USZOK PASS Austrian Defenders Menaced on Both Sides of Carpathians. PETROGRAD, April 6. Austro-German forces at Uszok are menaced on both sides of the Carpathians, latest official reports indicate. The Russians who swept through Dukla Pass into Hungary have turned eastward to attack the Austrian and German troops at Uszok in the rear.

BULLETINS

WILLARD GETS NOTHING FOR FIGHT HAVANA, April 6.—For winning the world's championship Jess Willard will not receive one penny from the receipts of the fight with Jack Johnson. Dick Klieglin, one of the promoters, today announced that the total receipts would be slightly under \$70,000, which just meets the expenses. Johnson gets approximately \$421 a minute for the fight.

PHILADELPHIAN COMMITS SUICIDE AT SHORE Dependent over financial troubles, according to the police, Robert B. Long, 64 years old, of Philadelphia, ended his life today by turning on the gas in his apartment at the Majestic Building, in Atlantic City, where he had been residing for the last week. He had carefully plugged all cracks about the doors and windows in order to make his end sure.

WIFE OF NORRISTOWN PASTOR DIES NORRISTOWN, April 6.—Mrs. Alfred S. Dungee, wife of the pastor of the First Methodist Church, died today of quinsy. The Rev. Mr. Dungee was pastor of the Cumberland Street Methodist Church, Kensington, last year.

ROBBERS WORK WHILE WOMAN SHOPS Mrs. Kate Welsh, of 152 Tree street, returned from a shopping tour today to find that her home had been ransacked by thieves. Jewelry and cash were taken. A neighbor saw two men emerge from the front door just before Mrs. Welsh's arrival.

MAN FRACTURES BOY'S SKULL A screwdriver thrown by an angry man at several boys who were snowballing him, fractured the skull of one of the boys. Harry Carroll, 21 years old, of 2055 Wharton street, while repairing an automobile at Stanley and Wharton streets yesterday was annoyed by the boys throwing snowballs at him. In an effort to dissuade them, he hurled a screwdriver into the crowd. It struck Albert Wall, 13 years old, of 56th and Wharton streets.

ONE CIGAR COST HIM \$12.50 One cigar cost Sigmund Jacobson, of 110 Broadway, Camden, \$12.50 when he was arraigned before Magistrate Beaton this morning, after being arrested at the Market street ferry elevated station. Jacobson refused to part with his lighted cigar on entering a train, and when Station Master Royer remonstrated, Jacobson hit him over the head with an umbrella.

DRIVER OF JITNEY BUS FINED Russell Blase, 1315 Jefferson street, was arraigned before Magistrate Beaton at Central Police Court today and fined \$12.50 for running a jitney bus without a driver's license. Blase paid the fine. He told Reserve Policeman Fount, who arrested him, that he was in the employ of Williams Brels. He showed a paper he said Brel gave him to permit him to drive the bus.

TENEMENT HOUSE PROPRIETOR FINED There was a family in every room in the tenement house of Michael Hurvitz, 117 Pine street, according to Arthur E. Buchholz, Chief of the Division of Tenement House Inspection, and as a result, Hurvitz was fined \$100 and costs today, after testimony had been given against him in the Municipal Court. It was charged that Hurvitz conducted the house without a license.

FIRE IN WIDENER BUILDING A small fire on the fifth floor of the Widener Building caused excitement in the neighborhood of City Hall shortly before noon today. The fire was started by a pot of pitch which boiled over. It was extinguished with small loss.

WOMAN WHO FELL AGAINST STOVE MAY DIE Burns received from falling against a stove in her home, 752 Federal street, Camden, are expected to cause the death of Mrs. Lillian Cunningham. Mrs. Cunningham was taken to the Cooper Hospital this afternoon for the fourth time in three days, each time for injuries received in an attack which she suffered.

BLACK HANDERS WRECK CHURCH RECTORY WILKES-BARRE, Pa., April 6.—The rectory of the Lithuanian Polish Catholic Church at Edwarsville, occupied by the Rev. J. Kurdirka, pastor of the church, was wrecked by a dynamite explosion early today. The explosion is a Black Hand outrage.

SAVES WIFE AND CHILD BUT LOSES OWN LIFE FREDERICKSBURG, Va., April 6.—William Snellings, a merchant of Falmouth, Stafford County, Va., was burned to death early today after saving his wife and child in a fire which destroyed the home of Dr. C. L. Bradshaw, of that village. The Bradshaw house was occupied by Doctor Bradshaw and Snellings and his wife and child.

DYESTUFFS NEEDED TO SAVE 400,000 JOBS WASHINGTON, April 6.—More than 400,000 men in 28 States will be thrown out of work in from 20 to 60 days, unless the Government persuades England to permit America to import German dyestuffs, according to a delegation which appealed, through Secretary Tamm, to President Wilson today for relief.

JAPAN OFFICIALLY DENIES WAR REPORT TOKIO, April 6.—Reports originating in Berlin that war has broken out between China and Japan were officially denied today at the Foreign Office.

DR. NEIL NAMED UMPIRE IN CAR STRIKE WILKES-BARRE, Pa., April 6.—Dr. Charles P. Neil, who has acted as umpire in several cases on which the Anthracite Conciliation Board has been deadlocked, was agreed upon today by the 25 striking carmen of the Wilkes-Barre Railway Company and the traction officials as umpire on the arbitration board. If Doctor Neil accepts, and it is expected that he will, the strike, which has been on for six days and which has cost about \$10,000 in loss to the men and company, will come to an end tonight.

FRENCH AVIATOR CHASED BY GERMAN AEROPLANES LAUSANNE, Switzerland, April 6.—A French aviator from Belfort was chased by two German aeroplanes today and forced to land on Swiss soil, where he was interned.

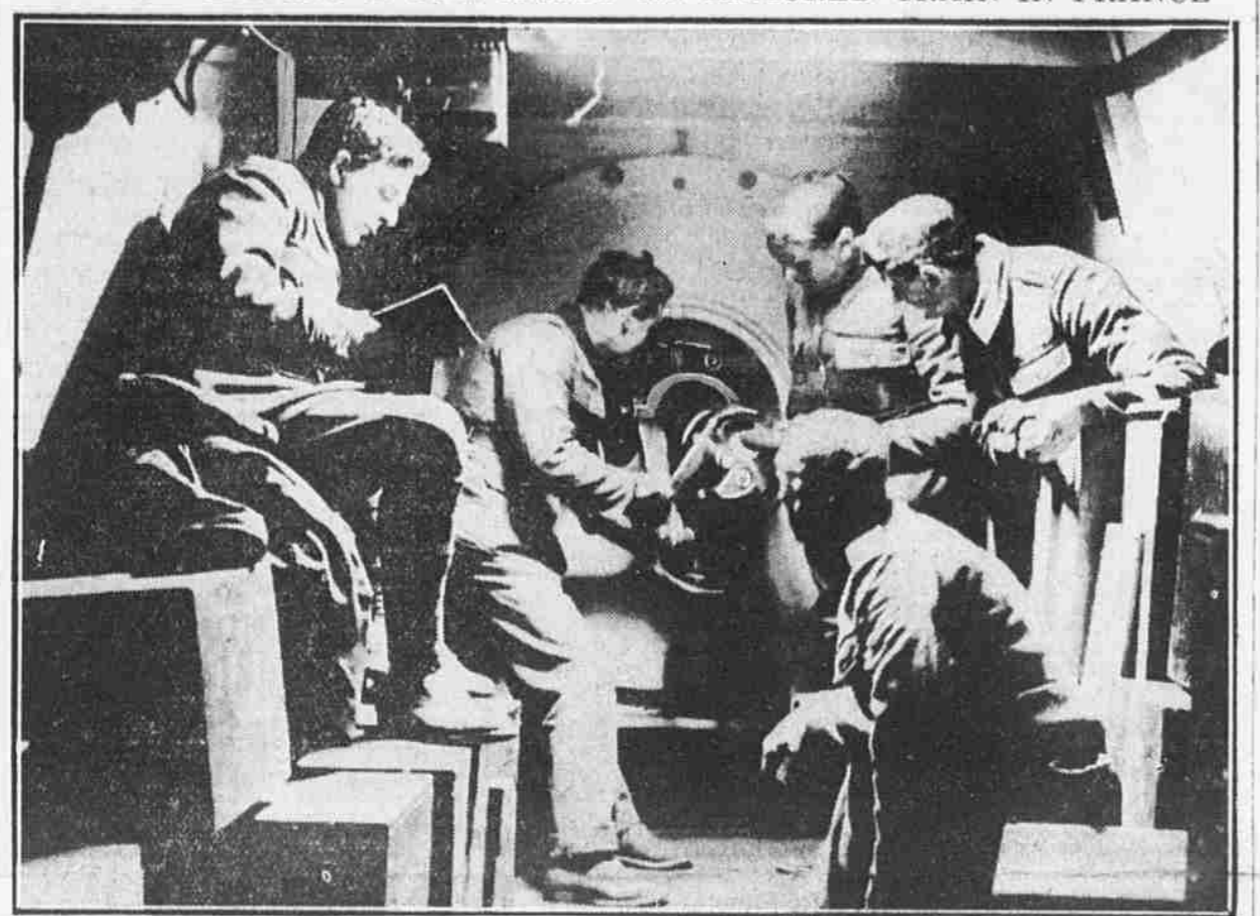
PERRY COUNTY JUDGE DIES HARRISBURG, April 6.—Associate Judge L. C. Wox, of Perry County, died this morning at his home, in Marysville. He was 74 years old, and had been ill for some months.

GERMANY WANTS PROBE OF ODENWALD CASE WASHINGTON, April 6.—The German Embassy today announced that it has requested the State Department to investigate the detention of the German steamship Odenwald at San Juan, P. R. The embassy charges that the Odenwald was fired upon without warning, and attributes to a "lucky chance" the fact that no human life was lost.

BUSINESS STILL IMPROVING, SAYS WILSON WASHINGTON, April 6.—Continued improvement in the business world is evident, President Wilson today indicated in his talks with visitors. His reports have given renewed confidence that prosperity was coming.

SERVIANS BLAME TURK FOR RAID NISH, Servia, April 6.—Mustapha Effendi, former Police Commissioner of Constantinople, organized the force of Bulgarian irregulars who invaded Servia, according to dispatches received here today. Government officials said they had reports that Mustapha was in the pay of the Germans.

BRITISH SERVING A GUN INSIDE AN ARMORED TRAIN IN FRANCE



This interesting picture shows how the interior of one of the armored cars looks. A rapid-fire gun is being loaded. The British have taken a leaf from the Belgian book and learned the effectiveness of attacks by armored train.

GREAT SUBMARINE SINKS STEAMSHIP

British Vessel Overhauled by Powerful Undersea Raider. Another Trawler Destroyed.

LONDON, April 6. A big submarine that dashed through a heavy sea at incredible speed torpedoed and sank the steamship Northlands off Beachy Head in the English Channel. While some of the crew, landed at Deal today, believed the attacking "undersea-boat" was the famous U-12, others believe it was of a newer and far more powerful type.

Word of the sinking of the Northlands was received here only a short time before the crew of the Grimsey trawler Agatha was landed at Blyth, near Newcastle. The Agatha was overhauled and sunk by a submarine in the North Sea after a short chase.

The Northlands ignored the first signal from the submarine commanding her to halt. Her stokers sat at work furiously and, swinging in zig-zag fashion, she dashed toward shore. A gale was rolling off high waves in the channel, but in a few minutes the submarine was alongside the Northlands and signaled "Abandon your ship."

The boats were lowered and the crew was pulling away when a terrific explosion nearly broke the steamer in two. The steamship carried a cargo of iron ore and settled quickly. The submarine hurried off without offering any assistance to the crew who drifted about in two small boats for nearly seven hours.

PARIS, April 6. A German submarine has been caught in the nets placed off Dover and is doomed to capture, according to a Havre dispatch to the Petit Journal. The propellers of the submarine are smashed and the craft will have to submit to capture when it rises to the surface.

OLD WOMAN BURNED

Victim Dies as Result of Clothing Catching Fire. Mrs. Robena Blake, 76 years old, of 5821 Walton avenue, was burned to death last night in the kitchen of her home when her clothes caught fire from a match which broke as she attempted to light a gas range. She was alone in the house at the time and ran into the dining room, setting it afire. Her daughter, Mrs. Charles W. Moore, with her two children, was attending a church celebration at the time of the accident and knew nothing of the death of the woman until they arrived at their home, when Mrs. Moore became hysterical and had to be placed under the care of a physician.

Printing House Damaged by Fire WILMINGTON, Del., April 6.—Fire today gutted the building of the Sunday Star Publishing Company, 31 and Shipley streets. The loss is estimated at \$10,000 and is covered by insurance. Most of the machinery was saved. There were a number of State records in the building being printed, and these also escaped injury.

LUBIN FILM PLANT SWEEPED BY FLAMES

Three Buildings at Betzwood Destroyed—Twenty Reels of "Movies" Burned.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., April 6.—Fire that originated in the boiler room at the big moving picture film plant of the Lubin Company, located at Betzwood, partly destroyed three buildings upon the site. From the boiler room the blaze swept rapidly to the shipping room and the press room and both these structures were quickly enveloped.

Fortunately the several hundred employees at the plant had received warning of the spread of the flames, and before the fire had communicated with the latter buildings, all had hurried to places of safety.

The fire spread with such rapidity that the department maintained by the company was helpless. Word was sent to this borough and Phoenixville for help. The boiler, shipping and press buildings are destroyed.

In one of the rooms destroyed were 20 reels of film in process of manufacture. When the fire reached this department the 20 reels were developed as in a flash. There were a dozen girls in this room, but all escaped injury. These girls reside in Norristown. It is said that the fire started through an explosion of chemicals. Charles Dickson, of 466 Wishart street, Philadelphia, was injured so that he was brought here to Charity Hospital for treatment. His face and hands were burned.

S. Lubin, head of the company, was in Philadelphia at the time of the fire. He hastened to the scene in his auto. He would not attempt to estimate the damage. It may be \$10,000, or it may be more. The insurance carried will probably cover the loss.

Circulation of the Evening Ledger for March

Table showing circulation statistics for the Evening Ledger for the month of March 1915. It lists daily circulation figures from March 1st to March 31st, along with monthly averages for January, February, and March.

THE WEATHER FAIR APRIL April, April, Laugh thy girlish laughter; Then, the moment after, Weep thy girlish tears! April, that mine ears Like a lover greets, If I tell thee sweetest, All my hopes and fears, April, April, Laugh thy golden laughter, But, the moment after, Weep thy golden tears. —William Watson.

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; not much change in temperature; moderate westerly winds. For details, see page 2.

Observations at Philadelphia S. A. M. February 27 30.08 March 1 30.08 March 2 30.08 March 3 30.08 March 4 30.08 March 5 30.08 March 6 30.08 March 7 30.08 March 8 30.08 March 9 30.08 March 10 30.08 March 11 30.08 March 12 30.08 March 13 30.08 March 14 30.08 March 15 30.08 March 16 30.08 March 17 30.08 March 18 30.08 March 19 30.08 March 20 30.08 March 21 30.08 March 22 30.08 March 23 30.08 March 24 30.08 March 25 30.08 March 26 30.08 March 27 30.08 March 28 30.08 March 29 30.08 March 30 30.08 March 31 30.08

On the Pacific Coast San Francisco... Weather, cloudy; temp., 52 San Diego... Weather, cloudy; temp., 55 Almanac of the Day High sea 6:30 p.m. Low sea 2:12 a.m. Moon rises tomorrow 1:12 a.m. Lamps to be Lighted Autos and other vehicles... 6:45 p.m. The Tides PORT RICHMOND, Pa. High water 1:27 p.m. Low water 7:54 a.m. CHESTNUT STREET WHARF High water 1:25 p.m. Low water 7:52 a.m. REDDY ISLAND, Pa. High water 1:25 p.m. Low water 7:52 a.m. BREAKWATER High water 1:25 p.m. Low water 7:52 a.m.