

FIND HALF A MILLION, FINAL ORDER OF MAYOR

Smith, Off for Another Vacation, Tells Cabinet to Make Transfer

Before leaving for a two weeks' vacation in Florida, Mayor Smith today instructed his cabinet members to "find" by searching his cabinet members to pay bills transferred during his administration without Councilman's approval.

The task set the department heads is a difficult one, as when the annual appropriations were made up for 1917 it was declared that the same allowed by Council would be barely sufficient to cover needs.

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For salaries of employees in the classified service Councils appropriated this year \$185,965, as against the recommended new schedule, which would require \$1,020,505.

MAY MOVE TO ABOLISH HANGING IN DELAWARE

Bill to Be Introduced Today, It Is Said; Legislators Go to See Return of Troops

DOVER, Del., Feb. 7.—Only a few members of each house attended the sessions, which were immediately adjourned to give those present an opportunity to catch the train for Wilmington to attend the reception given to the returning Delaware troops.

It is reported a bill will be introduced in either the House or the Senate today to abolish the hanging in the State of Delaware.

COAL FAMINE THREATENS SOUTH JERSEY RESIDENTS

Dealers Endeavoring to Make the Scanty Supply on Hand Go Around

GLASSBORO, N. J., Feb. 8.—Coal bins throughout South Jersey have been nearly emptied by the severe weather, and this region is threatened with the most serious coal famine of the winter.

DIES TRYING TO SAVE CHUM

Lad Falls Through Ice and Drowns With Friend

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Joseph, the eleven-year-old son of Clarence Garris, sacrificed his own life at Hackensack, N. J., yesterday as he endeavored to save his chum, Otto Baar, Jr., aged nine, who had gone through the ice on the Hackensack river.

One Hundred Linemen on Strike

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 8.—One hundred linemen and groundmen employed by the Delaware and Hudson Company between Parson and this city declared a strike for an increase of four cents per hour. The men deny that the strike is in support of the freight handlers and others of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad who are on strike.

DARES DEATH ON BATTLEFIELD WITH BRAVE FRENCH AUMONIER

Correspondent Crawls to Mouth of German Guns With Unarmed Soldier-Priest on Mission of Mercy

By HENRY BAZIN

Special Correspondence Evening Ledger

PARIS, Jan. 10.—This story of a recent personal experience in France must, for obvious reasons, contain neither the names of places nor the names of men.

I have spent the entire day with an ambulance corps behind the front. At 7:15 in the evening I obtained permission to ride with an automobile driver to a point where his suffering load would be transferred to the care of a horse ambulance with destination closer behind the front line.

THE FRENCH AUMONIER My aumonier, a "fine figure of a man," was about to go to the front-line trenches. Obtaining his permission, I exchanged my hat for the helmet of the aumonier, "the best umbrella ever made," and followed.

Upon our walk through the communicating trenches in the faint light of the moon's first light we were joined by two officers. In a few moments we were in an unceasing fire from the Boche lines. Now and then we crouched in the trench to escape fragments from a shell breaking close by.

From the front-line trench we clambered to the shell-cratered, muddy ground above, standing in a group for a moment ere advancing to the nearby observation post that was our destination. It was fifty feet away and about 900 from the invader's front line.

SAVED BY A HAIR The light had not moved since landing upon the spot where we had stood. The shots, in the spot of perhaps 300, had begun within thirty seconds after we had left its full glare. Since we were an perhaps twenty-eight seconds in reaching the cover of the trench depression, it was the miss that was good as a mile.

After a cigarette in an underground shelter, for no one smokes at night in the open at the front, we began our journey back, with always an intermittent fire passing over our heads. We were quite safe, for it was heavy shell fire. We were always within 1000 feet of the Boche line, and at times 700. Now and then we left the communicating trench for by trenches leading in and out, covering thus a distance perhaps four times the straight journey, only it is never a straight journey, only a mere direct one.

HARMLESS STAR SHELL Now, a star shell is a harmless thing in itself, carrying neither death nor destruction. It breaks in the air with the sound of shrapnel, releasing a bright, vivid white calcium light that in breaking is automatically suspended from a small silk parachute, which slowly descending, illumines as the full light of day the area about it for a space of five minutes.

At the cry of "Vite" from one of us we threw ourselves upon our stomachs, and crawled in a quick scurry to a piece of jagged wall about thirty feet away, reaching its shelter from the trench itself. Behind me, and the full silhouette of two figures on the bridge, myself and the second officer, in the order named.

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COLD BLAMED FOR FIRE

Expressman Loses Motortruck, Touring Car and Garage

HADDON HEIGHTS, N. J., Feb. 8.—The cold weather caused the destruction of an automobile truck, a touring car, a garage and the damaging of another truck.

When Mr. Benson tried to start the motor of the truck a backfire set fire to the machine and the greasy boards of the garage. The firemen responded in a few minutes, but because of the oil-soaked wood in the building the water had little effect.

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MERCER COUNTY DRY BY COURT'S DECISION

Judge McLaughry Tells 21 Applicants That Intoxicants Are Not Needed

MERCER, Pa., Feb. 8.—Judge J. A. McLaughry in Mercer County License Court refused all liquor license applications, and for the second time decreed that the sale of booze in this county is not necessary.

One year ago the remonstrants made this an important part of their cases. At the hearing this year a considerable part of the time was used in presenting the facts detrimental to the public good occasioned by intoxicating liquors during the last year.

It is apparent that a large amount of liquor is being shipped into the county. Notwithstanding that our people regard the use of intoxicating liquors as detrimental and injurious in every way, avaricious men from neighboring cities, who are greedy for the dollar predominates over their interest in the happiness and prosperity of others, seek a market here.

On the remonstrances presented to the court, with power of attorney attached, Judge McLaughry held that the signers had the same validity as if written by the signers own hand. He accordingly dismissed the exceptions filed by attorneys for the applicants who undertook to have the remonstrances overruled.

The court marked "refused" on each petition.

HER SKIRTS HIDE WHISKY

Wife of Alleged "Moonshiner" Tries to Deceive Officers

ROANOKE, Va., Feb. 8.—John Smallwood, alleged moonshiner, is being sought by revenue officers following a raid upon his home in the mountains near here yesterday. Several gallons of "mountain dew" were discovered and Smallwood was placed under arrest.

Smallwood's wife, who had been sitting quietly in her chair, was asked to unlock a door for the officers. When she arose it was found she had several pints and half pints of whisky concealed under her skirts.

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