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GOVERNOR AGAIN URGES END OF DEATH PENALTY

Says Eddystone Disaster Should Not Halt Present Movement HARRISBURG, April 14.—Vigorously reaffirming his desire to see Pennsylvania abolish the death penalty, Governor Brumbaugh has declared that he believes the House of Representatives next Tuesday will pass the Tompkins-Wells-Hess bill, and that he sees no good reason why any legislator should permit his attitude upon the measure to be changed by the Eddystone disaster or any other similar catastrophe. He said: "The movement to abolish capital punishment involves a fundamental principle, which cannot reasonably be affected by spasmodic occurrences, no matter how overwhelmingly sad and unfortunate such occurrences may be. I am quite sure that the members of the Legislature will not permit themselves to be carried away in their consideration of so broad and vital a question as the one embodied in the bill to wipe out the death penalty by any possible hysteria which may follow in the wake of a catastrophe such as has befallen Eddystone. I still believe most firmly that the abolition of capital punishment in Pennsylvania will be a long step toward a greater humanity, and a more efficient administration of law in this commonwealth. We have had the whole matter threshed out openly for the last four years, and I think the general conclusion is that both of these ends will have been attained by the removal from the statute books of the law that makes the people of the State party to the taking of human life. The Governor's statement was in answer to expressions by individuals and newspapers who are opposed to the enactment of the Tompkins-Wells-Hess bill, which removes the death penalty in Pennsylvania. There is every indication that it will be passed by a majority which will reflect the overwhelming opposition of public opinion to the retention of capital punishment.

City News in Brief

A BUCKET OF CONCRETE falling four stories on the head of a negro, Brown Robinson, was unable to produce results serious enough to keep him in the hospital last night. Robinson was passing through Market street, when a careless workman on a new building dropped the bucket. Brown was knocked down, but walked to the Hahnemann Hospital, then to his home at 1639 Lombard street.

FOLLOWING THE DEATH yesterday in Hahnemann Hospital of William Hornel, 212 Callowhill street, who was run down on March 24 near Fourth and Vine streets by a bread wagon, Horace Markley, the driver, 1222 North Twenty-third street, was held without bail today by Magistrate Penlock at Central Court to await the Coroner's action.

ANY WOMAN joining the National League for Women Service "must testify to her belief that it were better for each and every man to die nobly than to live ignominiously," according to a resolution passed by the executive committee of the Emergency Aid.

ORDERS CLOSING CITY HALL to visitors after 8 p. m. went into effect last night. Only persons having business with the Superintendent of Police, the chief of floor; the Detective Bureau, on the fifth floor, and the Central Station, on the sixth floor, are admitted after that hour. All entrances except that on the southeast corner were closed.

AUTOMOBILE BANDITS, according to the police, held-up and shot Louis Reminta, twenty-five years old, at Thirty-third street and Girard avenue. He was sent to the German Hospital and is in a critical condition. The police were unable to learn his address.

ACCUSED OF CAUSING A PANIC in the Pal moving-picture theatre, Frankford, Oliver Fospener, seventeen years old, of 2115 Tulip street, was sentenced to ten days in the county prison by Magistrate Delts today. The panic occurred when the cry of "light" was mistaken for "fire." Fospener, the police say, started the light with an attendant.

SIX CYPRESS TREES were planted today by the police around the Park and Lehigh avenues station, in keeping with the Arbor Day proclamation of Governor Brumbaugh. The work was done under the direction of Lieutenant Dinlocher.

DIRECTOR DATENMAN, of the Department of Public Works, today appointed Charles P. O'Connor, 42 South Twenty-third street, an inspector in the Bureau of Highways at a salary of \$1200 a year.

AU TO BANDITS SHOT Louis Reminta in the back at Thirty-third and Master streets early today when he refused to throw up his hands. The car came near the Reminta was accused and was shot when he ran. Reminta lives at 2829 Ridge avenue. His condition is not serious.

A MILESTONE ERECTED IN 1880, on the Lancaster or Blockley and Merion turnpike at Wynnefield, has been marked with a tablet by the Merion Chapter, D. A. R. The tablet was unveiled this afternoon.

YOUTH AND GIRL LEAD TO ROBBERS' ARREST

Quick and nervy work on the part of a young man and his girl companion early today resulted in the arrest of a couple of hold-up men who had badly beaten Oscar Gebeldin, of 2551 North Mascher street, treasurer of a beneficial society, and robbed him of \$75 of the society's funds in his own doorway. At the end of the annual meeting of the Saxonia Beneficial Society, at Second and Cumberland streets, at 1 o'clock this morning, Gebeldin was given the \$75 for safe-keeping. He walked to his home and inserted the key in his lock. As he did so there was a slight scuffle on the steps behind him and he was hit a crushing blow over the head. However, he succeeded in turning and grappling with the robbers. They were beating, kicking and robbing him all in one motion when Charles Lightfoot, of 2101 Cumberland street, accompanied by Miss Lillian McLean, of 2248 North Lee street, passed by on their way home from a social function. At the sight of the couple the robbers left off work on the semiconscious Gebeldin and ran down Mascher street. For a few moments Lightfoot lived up to his name and Miss McLean was scarcely behind him. The men thought they had distanced the pursuit and ducked into a saloon near Hope and Dauphin streets. Lightfoot ran to the corner and told Policeman Fortner, of the Fourth and York streets station, about the affair. Fortner went into the saloon and surprised the two men, who were there. At the Fourth and York streets police station Magistrate Glenn held the two men without bail for court, charged with highway robbery. Their names are William Smith, twenty-four years old, of 2543 North Howard street, and William Ahndt, twenty-three years old, of 2229 North Howard street.

GUARDS FRUSTRATE PLOTS IN MINNESOTA

One Plotter Killed—Others Arrested With Dynamite and Nitroglycerin MINNEAPOLIS, April 14.—Sensational reports of battling between guardsmen and spies came to light here today, despite close censorship and refusal of the military authorities to talk. These include meager reports of the killing of a plotter by guardsmen, the wounding of four guardsmen and three officers, and the court-martial of several supposed spies. Public anger was aroused as the attacks on guardsmen became known. Guardsmen yesterday frustrated an apparent plot to blow up the Washburn-Crosby flour mills and the St. Paul Railroad bridge at Mendota, near here. A stranger seized at the Washburn-Crosby mills carried a suitcase containing fifteen sticks of dynamite and two bottles of nitroglycerin. He was said to have been taken to the Fort Snelling guardhouse and with others to the Federal Penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth. It is reported another prowler was shot to death at a mill here. Military officials refused comment. A St. Paul steamer carried a bullet in one leg today after being fired on from ambush. Three guardsmen and three civilians are in the Fort Snelling Hospital as a result of frustrated plots. The Washington correspondent of the St. Paul Daily News wired his paper today that the military authorities are seriously considering placing Minneapolis under martial law as a result of the attacks on guardsmen and the many incendiary fires since the break with Germany.

WORKERS HOIST FLAGS OVER MANY PLANTS

Employes of Disston Saw Works, Bernstein Brothers and Others Show Patriotism American flags were raised at ceremonies in numerous Philadelphia manufacturing plants today. Thousands connected with the factories took part in the celebrations. One of the most elaborate of the events was that at the Henry Disston & Sons Saw Works, Frankford. Two thousand employes marched behind a band as a preliminary to presenting the flag given by the employees of the steelmaking department. E. J. Cattell, City Statistician, made the principal address. Five hundred employes of the Bernstein Manufacturing Company took part in a flag-raising at the factory, Third street and Ralston avenue. E. Arthur Bernstein, Jr., and Edward H. Bernstein released the flag, furling on a pole in the grounds. Patriotic songs and addresses were features of a flag-raising at the plant of the Harrison Safety Boiler Works, Seventeenth street and Allegheny avenue. The 250 employes of the plant assembled in the machine shop building and the flag was unfurled up sixty feet above the street to the tune of a march played by a band and sung by the onlookers. There was an address by William S. Hallowell. Two flags were hoisted above the roof of the Hoylewood Brothers & Wakefield Building, at 244 South Fifth street. Joseph Kenner, foreman of the plant, presented the flags and C. S. Barlow made formal acceptance. Patriotic songs were sung while a band played at the John Gay's Sons' plant, Trenton avenue and Ann street, and a large flag was presented on behalf of the 250 employes. Superintendent Charles H. Law, of the factory, and John H. Gay, of the firm, made addresses. A flag was raised at the plant of the Isaac A. Sheppard Manufacturing Company, Erie avenue above Seppiva street. Congressman Costello was invited to be the principal speaker, following a march around the factory, in which the employes took part. Shad Fishermen Make Small Catches DELAWARE CITY, Del., April 14.—Shad fishermen reported small catches today. Dealers paid \$80 a hundred for the fish. Dealers are also being caught in small Herrings and a ready market is being made for them.

ONLY HALF QUOTA ENLISTED IN CITY

Must Double Number of Men Joining Colors, Officers Declare 278 ACCEPTED BY NAVY

The number of recruits enlisted for the regular service will have to be doubled even to approach the War Department and Navy Department quotas for the Philadelphia district, according to recruiting officers. Philadelphia has contributed 536 men to the regular service since President Wilson's declaration of status of war April 2. These navy recruiting leaders, 278 men, and the army recruiting officers have accepted 258 applicants. The Marine Corps has sent seventy men to Port Royal, S. C. Within the same period 1200 men have been enrolled in the Naval Coast Defense Reserves. Payment of the Coast Defense Reserves in active service will be made April 15 instead of April 20. It has been announced. The estimated 200 of the reservists have been in active service sufficiently long to be included in the payroll. Recruiting officers for the Third Regiment, N. G. P., have been opened in the offices of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Broad and Chestnut streets. Lieutenant Colonel Robert M. Brookfield is in charge. Regimental reports show that 400 men will be required to bring the strength of the regiment up to 1000 men to the company. The first response to the appeal for recruits for the Naval Coast Defense Reserve and the United States navy that has come in from the districts lying along the Delaware River was from Chester, where the new recruiting station, under Lieutenant Charles R. Norris, U. S. N., enrolled sixty-five men. The president of the Chester Chamber of Commerce has offered \$1000 to the Government for any kind of a boat that may be desired. The offer also includes a crew of twenty expert men from the Alpha Boat Club, of Chester, and was made on the condition that the Government furnish a gun crew to train the men.

25,000 MEN MARCH IN READING STREETS

Patriotic Procession 16 Miles Long Testifies to Berks County's Loyalty

READING, Pa., April 14.—Twenty-five thousand men, women and children, including members of 117 military and fraternal organizations of the city and county, the fourteen Reading fire companies and delegations from many mills and factories, marched here yesterday in the greatest patriotic demonstration the city has ever seen, pledging Berks County's loyalty to the national Administration in the present war crisis. In the line of march were 500 motorcars and half a hundred bands of music. The procession, marching in strict eight-platoon formation and two paces apart, was estimated to be sixteen miles in length and required eight hours to pass a given point. It was a general holiday throughout the city and county. Mills and factories closed for the day; Penn street stores were during the hours of the parade and there were gorgeous decorations everywhere, confined exclusively to the national colors. While citizens generally were urged to participate in the parade, it is estimated that fully 100,000 viewed the line from the sidewalks. Early morning trains and street cars were thronged with visitors, and fifty plainclothes detectives were brought here from Philadelphia to assist the local and state police in handling the crowds. The parade was made up of six divisions, headed by thirty-three automobiles bearing Reading's Civil War veterans. Then came Reading's National Guardsmen, volunteer firemen, public school children, Catholic societies, fraternal organizations and delegations from the Philadelphia and Reading shops and other mills and industries. Conspicuous among the civilian organizations in line was the Berks County Bar Association, headed by the three judges of the local courts, this being the first time the lawyers paraded since Civil War days. The parade formed in the northeastern section of the city, and after traversing Penn street and streets of that vicinity proceeded to the northwestern section, where ranks were broken and headed for the local recruiting stations, which had been made to receive them, and quite a number of volunteers were obtained for the army and navy.

MARSE HENRY HAS A SLOGAN

It's 'To Hell With the Hapsburgs and Hohenzollerns' NEW YORK, April 14.—The committee of citizens of Oyster Bay, which was appointed to find an appropriate battle cry for the nation and is called the American War Slogan Committee, received from Colonel Henry Watterston this suggestive slogan: "To hell with the Hapsburgs and Hohenzollerns." Robert Durall, Edward R. Summers and Maurice E. Townsend compose the committee. Colonel Roosevelt is to be one of the judges. The contribution of the Louisville editor accompanied an editorial clipped from the Courier-Journal of Wednesday, entitled "Red Blood Versus Red Tape," which describes the slogan contest. In it Marse Henry said: "If this be a contest for the royalties of patriotism, count the Courier-Journal in. We disdain the cash and furnish the battle cry. What is the matter with 'To hell with the Hapsburgs and the Hohenzollerns'?"

\$1.40 FOR BELGIANS STOLEN

Meanest Thieves Take Girls' Gift to Starving Children Thieves broke into the store of the Globe-Wernicke Company, at 1012 Chestnut street, early today and turned the place topsy-turvy, but got away with only \$1.40 and a reputation of being the meanest burglars in the present time. The money unspeakable, for the money was plainly intended for the starving Belgian children. The thieves had tried everywhere to make Belgium's relief money to the last. The envelope in which had been the nickels and dimes for Belgians was left on the floor. The thieves knew they were taking bread out of the mouths of babies, because they had to tear open the envelope to get the money and the envelope was plainly marked "Belgian Relief."

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Interviewing Cobb By MLISS

IT BEING a dull day and "Irv" Cobb, having drowned about 2000 Red Cross rooters at the Forrest Theatre the day before with his humorous stories of the Belgian atrocities, the city ed, as not on the trail of a couple "story" as Frank Garbarino is for a German spy—and as likely to get one—commanded: "That," said Mr. Irvin S. Cobb, America's greatest reporter, judiciously considering the task before me, "is the way you begin your story. You take the public into your confidence; then you tell them, just what I'm going to tell you, that there ain't any more serious business on God's earth than this business of being funny. Most people think an Alleged Humorist such as myself grins. He don't. He sweats. They used to say of me on the New York Evening World, where, in addition to the day's work, I was expected to get out a full page of alleged squawks for the Sunday paper that I began to be funny when I began to look sad." "Go over to the Saturday Evening Post, where the great humorist is now smoking them all out, and bring back a column



check full of wit and humor. Mark Twain stuff." Mr. Cobb caressed the pessimistic forelock, which contributes in no small measure to the pulchritudinous ensemble of his classic countenance, and glowered about the funnel of a not too mild Havana. Incidentally, if anybody whispers to you that somebody's relieved the Veterian or the Eitel Friedrich of its main smokestack, have Mr. Cobb paged. He smokes it. Reporter sank deeper into the upholstered folds of the frail Heppelwhite outside George Horace Lorimer's office with a Teutonic disregard for its soles and groans. If all the Sat. Eve. Post contributors measured up to Mr. Cobb's "Tudor proportions the chip would have been put in the Heppelwhite long ago, and Mrs. and Miss Heppelwhite ordered out in favor of hardy Miss Mission and Jacob Jacobson.

"As I was saying," Mr. Cobb indicated to be one of the judges. The contribution of the Louisville editor accompanied an editorial clipped from the Courier-Journal of Wednesday, entitled "Red Blood Versus Red Tape," which describes the slogan contest. In it Marse Henry said: "If this be a contest for the royalties of patriotism, count the Courier-Journal in. We disdain the cash and furnish the battle cry. What is the matter with 'To hell with the Hapsburgs and the Hohenzollerns'?"

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and avoid the rush. Professional firms need not apply. Please enclose stamps. "The next morning," Mr. Cobb continued enthusiastically, "I went round to the New York Evening Sun and sent in my card. I saw the editor, if you wrote this you're hired at \$15 a week. If you're worth more you'll get it; if you're not worth more you'll be fired. When can you work?" "Now," I said. "There's no hurry," he replied, "come around in the morning." "When I got back to my room," the humorist smiled like a boy who has put over an old trick, "there were five letters from editors asking me to call on them, among them a personal letter from Arthur Brisbane. I answered them all, sympathizing with them in their tardiness at having missed me. I went on the Evening Sun." At this moment the editor of the more than two million weekly appeared and rambled something to America's Greatest Reporter about luncheon engagements up-town, and the latter who's said to be just as human around luncheon time as any other, released Miss Heppelwhite. Her gasp: "Does he think that's funny?" proved that even great humorists have a hard time pleasing everybody. As Cobb himself said: "It means sweat."

SALVATION ARMY IN WAR

Philadelphian Asks to Be Made Chaplain in Proposed Ambulance Service A Philadelphian, Captain Edward Underwood, Salvation Army worker, is one of the first men in the country to ask to be made a chaplain in the proposed Salvation Army ambulance units, which are to be the contribution of the Salvation Army to the United States in the war with Germany. The units were planned at a meeting in national headquarters at New York this week. These units will be sent to the various training camps and to the troops in the field. The ambulance units of this district will be under the supervision of Colonel Richard E. Holz, of Philadelphia, commander of the Atlantic province.

CURTIS BOYS' CLUB SHOW

Large Audience Enjoys Minstrel Performance and Dance for Scouts A large audience enjoyed the minstrel show and dance given by members of the Curtis Boys' Club for the benefit of the Curtis Boy Scout Troop last night in the Curtis Auditorium. A rollicking sketch, entitled "What Is It?" provoked much laughter. The principals in the sketch were William Lacey, Samuel Masser, Jack Hines, Samuel Hunter, William Dolan, Ella Rothwell, Alice Rothwell, John Barum, Jr., and He'n Kolhof. The musical numbers were bright and catchy. The soloists were accompanied by Miss Beattie Sheehan and Edward Joyce.

Wall Street Firm Goes Under

NEW YORK, April 14.—It was announced from the rostrum of the stock exchange this morning that Morris & Pope were unable to meet their obligations. Lewis G. Morris is the board member of the firm which was formed on January 1, 1915. The other members of the firm are H. Hathaway and Frank B. Porter. Mr. Morris was admitted to membership in the exchange on April 1, 1909. The offices of the firm are at 59-Broad street.

ARGUE ON DEADLOCK

Mayor, Twining andnelly Appear Before Service Board EXPECT QUICK ACTION

Favorable action by the Public Service Commission upon the applications of the city of Philadelphia for authority to proceed with the construction of the various lines of the high-speed system is expected to follow a conference today between the entire commission and Mayor Smith, City Engineer and Director Twining and Joseph P. Conroy, chairman of Councils Finance Committee, of Philadelphia. The conference is being held behind closed doors, spectators being barred. The commission is present. The certificates pending are for authority to proceed with the Broad street subway, the subway delivery loop, the Darby elevated, the northwest-Roxborough subway, elevated and the Thirty-fifth Ward subway line. Applications for all except the Darby "L" were filed with the commission late in 1916 and have been under consideration ever since that time. The delay of the commission has resulted in the hold-up of construction work totaling approximately \$15,000,000. Bids have been opened for this work, which consists of the entire delivery loop and the Broad street subway from South to Stiles streets, but contracts can be awarded until the commission acts.

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