

Members of Crew Killed When "Pennsy" Train Is Wrecked Near Conemaugh

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Immigrant Children in Harrisburg Brighter and Better Than Native-Born

So Asserts Mrs. Anna H. Wood After Study of the Local Situation

THEY POSSESS ALMOST UNCANNY APTITUDE

"They Are a Force to Be Reckoned With" in Future, Writer Says

[This is the first of a series of articles on the immigrant child and the schools, as observed by Mrs. Anna H. Wood. What Harrisburg is doing for these little foreign-born newcomers and how they take to study will be her theme.]

By Mrs. Anna H. Wood

Quietly but steadily, like the unnoticed growth of a plant which suddenly bursts into leaf, is the hold which the immigrant people are obtaining upon the life of America. With the work of the average foreign adult in industrial plants and elsewhere we are familiar but the rising generation which is filling our public schools is a force to be reckoned with. These children possess an almost uncanny ability to grasp our tongue and our teaching. Living in homes where only their mother tongue is used they yet learn to speak English freely in a few months.

Mike Costa, a dark-eyed, young Rumanian boy of the foreign quarter, speaks and reads Hungarian, English and Rumanian. His shrewd, handsome face is full of ambition. And he is only one of hundreds. When a certain Italian family came to this "land of promise" a year and a half ago they all passed the rigid examination of Ellis Island but the youngest son, a boy of seven. Because of a serious eye condition he was sent back. Until cured, a mother of little over a year, he remained with his grandmother in Italy and then came alone to America to join his people. He has been in one of our schools two weeks and can read fluently from the first reader by the present system of sound reading, although as yet, unable to understand the meaning of the words he utters.

All Nationalities Bright

This aptitude is not confined to nationality but is the same among the Germans, Hungarians, Rumanians, Poles or Russian Jews. The constant tendency of the parents is to take the children out of school to put them into factories. Against this the teachers have to keep a vigilant watch. However, they have a wholesome dread of American law. One father who recently insisted that his child should help to bring in the family income was visited by a boy pupil sent in place of the truant officer because of his knowledge of the Rumanian tongue. The irate parent

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LARGE OIL TANKER LAUNCHED

Newport News, Va., Jan. 29.—The John D. Archbold, largest oil tanker ever built, was launched here today by the Standard Oil Company. The ship, named after the Standard Oil Company, and many officials and guests came on a special train to attend. Mrs. M. M. Vanuren, of New York, Mr. Archbold's daughter, christened the ship.

LINOLEUM INVENTOR DIES

Miami, Fla., Jan. 29.—David N. Melvin, of Port Richmond, Staten Island, said to have been the inventor of linoleum, died this morning here Tuesday night of heart failure.

Late News Bulletins

ICE IN RIVER MAY GORGE

Late reports from the local weather bureau are that the ice has broken on the Susquehanna river at Clearfield at 1.30 this afternoon. The river stage is 4 feet 5 inches and it is rising. It may possibly gorge somewhere in west branch.

Philadelphia, Jan. 29.—Because of the mild weather and consequent slower demand for anthracite coal, the collieries of the Susquehanna Coal Company, a Pennsylvania Railroad Corporation, will shut down to-night for the remainder of the week.

Peking, China, Jan. 29.—A bill prescribing the worship of Heaven and of Confucius by the president of the Chinese republic was passed today by the administrative council which took the place of the Chinese Parliament, recently dissolved by President Yuan Shi Kai himself.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Lucy Burns, vice-chairman of the Congressional Union for Women's Suffrage, today wrote President Wilson disclaiming any intention on the part of that organization to attack the Democratic party as was charged in a letter to the President from Mrs. Medill McCormick, of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association.

Los Angeles, Jan. 29.—According to an anonymous letter received by a morning paper, Francis Lewis Clark, the Spokane millionaire, is being held for ransom of \$75,000 by "blackmailers" in or near this city. Clark disappeared from Santa Barbara January 17 after seeing his wife off on a train and was thought to have committed suicide by throwing himself in the ocean.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Administration rural credit bills were introduced simultaneously in the Senate and House today. The bills today were for long term farm loans. Bills for short term loans will be introduced later.

Washington, Jan. 29.—President Wilson today wore a red carnation in memory of the late President McKinley.

London, Jan. 29.—A band of militant suffragettes today besieged the archbishop of Canterbury, the English primate, in Lambeth Palace and eventually forced him to capitulate and receive one of their number in order to discuss the question of forcible feeding.

New York, Jan. 29.—The market closed weak. Stocks were liberally supplied to purchasers, which encouraged the bear factors to attack prices. Weakness of industrial stocks, particularly steel, had much to do with undermining the market for standard railroad shares.

New York, Jan. 29.—Closing—Amalgamated Copper, 74½; American Smelting, 68½; Atchafalpa, 99½; Baltimore & Ohio, 97½; Brooklyn Rapid Transit, 91½; Canadian Pacific, 213½; Chesapeake & Ohio, 66½; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, 104; Lehigh Valley, 153½; New York Central, 84½; Northern Pacific, 114½; Reading, 168; Southern Pacific, 96½; Union Pacific, 161; United States Steel, 64½; Pennsylvania Railroad, 114.

PANCHO VILLA WITH THREE OF HIS GENERALS



From left to right, Generals Fierro, Villa, Ortega and Medina.

Pancho Villa and the men who remained with him now seem to be the strongest force in Mexico outside of President Huerta himself. The ex-bandit, who some weeks ago was merely one of the generals of the forces led by Provisional President Carranza, has by his numerous victories at Juarez, Chihuahua and Ojinaga risen to overshadow his chief. For weeks Mexicans fighting Huerta have been anxious for the time when Villa and Carranza would get together for a concerted attack on Huerta, but so far there has been no move of this kind. There are now grave doubts if Villa will recognize the authority of Carranza. Men familiar with the Mexican situation insist that Villa will now go it alone. If he does not feel strong enough to march on Mexico City, they believe, he will hold what he has in Chihuahua and adjacent territory, and thus virtually set up a government of his own.

GOETHALS TO ACCEPT PANAMA CANAL ZONE JOB, SAYS GARRISON

Terms of Acceptance Not Made Known by Secretary of War

Goethals' Nomination Forwarded to Senate

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—President Wilson sent the nomination of Colonel George W. Goethals, to be Governor of the Panama Canal zone after April 1, to the Senate today.

By Associated Press

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—Secretary Garrison announced today that Colonel George W. Goethals had signified his intention of accepting the governorship of the Panama Canal Zone to be proffered him by President Wilson.

"I am not able to give out the terms of Colonel Goethals' acceptance at the present time," said Secretary Garrison. "but it was whole and complete. When President Wilson sends his name to the Senate I shall probably be able to make an interesting statement."

As chairman of the Isthmian Canal Commission, Colonel Goethals now is paid \$15,000 a year. The Panama Canal act fixes the salary of the governor at \$10,000. Representative Britten, of Illinois, today introduced a bill to amend the law to make the salary of the governor \$15,000 so long as Colonel Goethals holds the office.

To Build St. Lawrence's Roman Catholic Church at 6th and Forster Sts.

St. Lawrence's German Catholic Church will be located at Sixth and Forster streets, it was learned from an authoritative source today. It is said that the School Board has been asked to name a price by Bishop John W. Shanahan, and that a satisfactory agreement has been reached in the matter.

As Bishop Shanahan is not in the city, the official confirmation of the story could not be obtained. Members of the building committee, which yesterday met to fix the price of the old St. Paul's chapel, have nothing to say on the matter. It is said the School Board will approve the terms of a private sale of the property at its meeting on February 6.

COMMITTEE FAVORS INQUIRY WITH WHITMAN IN CHARGE

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 29.—The joint Republican committee appointed to recommend a policy with reference to a complete legislative investigation of the affairs of the State reached an informal agreement today but declined to give any information relating to it. It was reported, however, that the committee is in favor of an investigation of a special committee of eight assemblymen with District Attorney Whitman in charge.

LONDON FINANCIERS IMPATIENT AT LACK OF ACTION BY WILSON

Commercial Body May Ask Great Britain to Join France and Germany

By Associated Press

London, Jan. 29.—Relations of the United States with Great Britain in regard to the Panama Canal tolls; the controversy between Washington and Tokio over the California land ownership legislation, and President Wilson's policy toward Mexico, are the subjects of lengthy dispatches today from British newspaper correspondents in Washington, but there is a singular lack of editorial comment on these questions.

The Pall Mall Gazette is the only newspaper to mention Mexico editorially. It says: "President Wilson has laid himself open to a charge of having chalked up 'No Huerta' and then run away. It is a position that becomes worse for the prestige of the Washington government every day on which nothing happens."

Financiers here interested in Mexico are becoming impatient at the lack of action shown by President Wilson. A meeting of the Mexican section of the London Chamber of Commerce is to be called shortly to discuss the replies to a circular recently sent out to its members asking them for their views as to whether it will be advisable for Great Britain to join with France and Germany in asking President Wilson to take some steps to adjust the financial position of Mexico.

Reading Seeking U. S. Armor Plate Plant

Reading, Pa., Jan. 29.—A United States armor plate plant for Reading is requested in a resolution offered at the meeting of City Council yesterday afternoon. The measure also calls for a survey of the Schuylkill river from Philadelphia to Reading with a view to deepening the channel and making it navigable as far as Easton, it is asserted. The Schuylkill has less fall for the same distance and the present average depth is greater than that of the Delaware, it is said.

The co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce will be enlisted. There are numerous farms along the river, in or just beyond the city, that would make splendid sites for such a plant.

HOUSE TO GET RADIUM BILL

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—Final consideration of the bill proposing Federal regulation of radium production in the United States was undertaken by the House mines committee today, with the expectation of sending the redrafted measure to the House with the committee's approval, before night.

MISS EVA BOOTH IMPROVES

New York, Jan. 29.—Miss Eva Booth, head of the Salvation Army in this country, spent a restful night and was better this morning, according to announcement made at the army barracks, where she has been confined to bed for more than a week. It was said that she probably would be out again within a week unless complications developed.

CONDITIONS AT HIGH SCHOOL REDUCE BEST STUDENTS' AVERAGES

Report For First Half Year Shows Big Falling Off in 92 Per Cent. Class

Cramped conditions at the Central high school, requiring a double session day, has worked its greatest hardship on the bright pupils, according to the report of standing for the first half year. The report was read in chapel this morning.

Only 45, or 5 per cent, of the pupils in the high school, are classed in the 92 per cent. class. Of these 16 are seniors. Professor Steele in commenting on the number this morning said that this number is about three-fifths of the number of high grade students in other years. The number of 92 per cent. students has been falling off steadily in the last few years.

"The average of the students is about the same as last year, I am glad to say," Professor Steele remarked. This average varies among the classes, the freshman class leading the school with a class average of 84.86 per cent. The seniors are next with 84.03 per cent. The juniors are with 81.32. The "soph" come along behind with 80 per cent.

Two hundred and sixty-seven of the 861 pupils listed attained an average of 87 per cent, or over. The seniors

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College Presidents Pleased With Training Camp at Gettysburg

By Associated Press

Washington, Jan. 29.—The work of the student army camps undertaken last summer at Gettysburg, Pa., and Monterey, Cal., and to be conducted on a larger scale this season, is commended in a statement from nine university and college presidents made public at the War Department today.

"The military instruction," says the statement, "was thorough, the discipline was strict; but the work was so well arranged that it caused enjoyment rather than hardship. The food, sanitation and medical care were good and the lessons received by the students in these matters were scarcely less valuable than the military instruction itself. We commend these camps to the attention of college authorities as a most important adjunct to the educational system of the United States, furnishing the student a healthful and profitable summer course at moderate expense."

The statement is signed by Presidents Hibben, Princeton; Lowell, Harvard; Hadley, Yale; Finley, College of the City of New York; Hutchins, Michigan; Denny, Alabama; Nichols, Virginia Military Institute; Wheeler, California; and Drinker, Lehigh.

Safe Resists Robbers in Eldorado Post Office

Special to The Telegraph

Altoona, Pa., Jan. 29.—Breaking into the post office at Eldorado last night, by cutting a hole in the door and reaching through and opening the lock, burglars ransacked the place and made off with \$13 worth of stamps, \$3.25 in money and \$50 worth of merchandise belonging to Postmaster A. Shew, who conducted a store along the post office.

Mrs. Gerhold and Mother Arrested on Charge of Murdering Floyd Keller

"Isaac Heckman Did It, I Saw Him," Prisoner Says; Hopes "Hell Will Burn Him to a Cinder;" Sordid Tale of Love Gone Wrong Revealed by State Police in Franklin County

Chambersburg, Pa., Jan. 29.—Charged with the murder fourteen months ago of Floyd Keller, Mrs. Zella Keller Gerhold and her mother, Mrs. Reuben Rieker, were arrested today and committed to jail without bail. The first named woman was Keller's wife and since his death she married John Lewis Gerhold. The latter wedding occurred December 31, 1913.

Keller, a prosperous farmer, died

on the night of November 9, 1912, and chemical analysis developed that the stomach contained enough poison to kill four men. The case was surrounded with mystery until letters written by Mrs. Keller to Isaac Heckman, her alleged lover, came to light. The State police took up the case and to-day arrests resulted. When arrested Mrs. Gerhold ex-

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ROAD DRAGS MIGHT BE USED TO MUCH ADVANTAGE NOW

Lancaster Man Says They Could Make Highways Passable Until Reconstructed

Dr. Donald McCaskey, of Witmer, Lancaster county, appeared unexpectedly at this morning's session of the State Board of Agriculture to outline to the board what he regards as an entirely feasible plan to get good roads throughout the State while the road advocates are planning ways and means of finance and waiting for the Legislature to act. His idea proper use of the King split-log road drag and he demonstrated his points with lantern slides of the "before and after taking" type.

"I came up here to-day," said Dr. McCaskey, "because Governor Tener, according to newspaper reports, yesterday appealed for help on the road question. Here it is. Let the State Highway Department have these road drags in use all over the State. You need nothing else for improving the roads you now have."

"The cost is trifling," he explained. "Whatever financing plan may be devised, you cannot get the money for about eighteen months. Use the drag in the meanwhile. Our roads cost us \$30 per mile the first year, \$12 the second and \$5 the third.

The Highway Department probably has sufficient money for this work. If not, let the farmers and supervisors do it themselves. You'll have some trouble. When I was supervisor in my township I began to use this drag and an injunction was obtained from the court to prevent me using it. The injunction didn't stand, but here's

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Emperor's Reply First to Cross Atlantic Ocean

By Associated Press

Washington, Jan. 29.—Emperor William's acknowledgement of President Wilson's birthday greetings is said to have been the first of a wireless message between the United States and Germany. The emperor's reply was at the State Department today where a suitable reply was being framed. The wireless came direct from a station in Germany, across the Atlantic to a commercial station at Tuckerton, N. J., and on overland wires to Washington.

Whites Are Prohibited From Teaching Negroes

Special to The Telegraph

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 29.—The lower branch of the General Assembly yesterday passed the Fortner bill prohibiting white persons from teaching in colored schools. Amendments to the measure adopted provided "that the provision of this bill shall apply to closer intimacy of the races," and that the bill shall include "white nurses employed in colored hospitals or to nurse colored patients at any hospital or sanatorium."

A State hospital for the study and treatment of pellagra would be established in South Carolina under a bill favorably reported by the Senate Finance Committee. The measure would appropriate an initial fund of \$35,000 for the purpose.

UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN U. S. AND JAPAN IS HOPE FOR

By Associated Press

Tokio, Japan, Jan. 29.—Hopes are expressed in official circles here today that a basis of understanding on the California Alien Land Ownership question will be found by the United States and Japanese governments which are both actively seeking a solution.

The chief concern here at present seems to be a big regard to future legislation in America and it is said any additional enactments unfavorable to Japan would be considered a serious menace to the traditional friendship of the two countries.

AUTO HIT MAN

John Calahan, who says his home is in Boston, Mass., last night was struck by an autoist, whose name has not been learned, on the Mulberry street bridge. He was taken to the hospital and was found to have a fractured right hip and lacerations of the head. The driver of the car brought the injured man to the hospital and left without giving his name.

MECHANICS' BANK READY APRIL

By April 1 the Mechanics' Bank will be located on the first floor of the new eight-story Mechanics' Bank Building, at Third and Market streets. The building will be finished by the end of March and, according to C. A. Kunkel, cashier of the bank, more than half the offices have been rented.

THREE MEMBERS OF PENNSY TRAIN CREW KILLED IN WRECK

Engineer Unable to See Block Signals Because of Heavy Fog Over Tracks

By Associated Press

Pittsburgh, Jan. 29.—Pennsylvania passenger train No. 19, New York to Pittsburgh, was wrecked near Conemaugh, Pa., to-day, when it ran into a freight train going west. Three members of the crew were killed and one was injured.

The passenger train was running at a high rate of speed when as it rounded a curve the engineer saw the lights of the freight train directly in front. He applied the emergency brakes, but the heavy engine crashed into the caboose killing A. L. Richey, conductor of Youngwood, Pa.; A. Leichter, brakeman, of Youngwood, Pa., and H. C. Parnell, flagman, Altoona, Pa., and injuring H. W. Todd, brakeman, Youngwood, Pa. The engine and the mail car on the passenger train were derailed, blocking three tracks. Passengers were tossed about by the force of the collision, but none was seriously hurt. A heavy fog hung over the valley and the engineer of the passenger train was unable to see the signals of the automatic block system with which the division is equipped.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled to-night and Friday, probably occasional light rain; warmer to-day and Friday; warmer to-night; colder Friday; brisk south and southwest winds.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Unsettled to-night and Friday, probably local rains; warmer to-night; colder Friday; brisk south and southwest winds.

The river and its principal tributaries will continue to rise slowly today and Friday and local movements of ice are probable.

General Conditions The western storm has been divided by a strong high pressure area situated by a cold wave that has moved inland from the Pacific ocean and is now central over the middle of the continent. A low is located over Wisconsin and the secondary over Southern Texas.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 38; 2 p. m., 43. Sun: Rises, 7:18 a. m.; sets, 5:22 p. m.

Moon: New moon, first quarter, February 3, 5:33 a. m.

River Stage: 41 feet above low water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 55. Lowest temperature, 34. Mean temperature, 45. Normal temperature, 28.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Wayne Klais, Steelton, and Anna Ruth Bowers, city. Leon Hartman and Virginia Miller, city. George R. Hartman and Hanna E. Wilber, city. Caspar Gross and Stella M. Star, Gratz.

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