



SCHOOL DISTRICT'S EXCESS ASSETS ARE WORTH HALF MILLION

Total Value of City's System Close to Million and Three-Quarters

\$13,614.35 IN TEACHERS' FUND Thousands Paid Out For Salaries; \$4 in Fines; \$1,827.59 For Tuition

Harrisburg's school district is pretty well-to-do, according to the annual report of the auditors submitted to the Dauphin county court to-day.

The statement of assets and liabilities occupy a whole page of the thirteen page report and shows that the total assets are more than a million and three quarters.

The receipts from all sources for the fiscal year were \$448,665.10 and this added to the balance of \$163,093.47 on hand at the previous year, made a grand total of \$611,758.57.

The expenditures during the past year were well over half a million \$553,258.82, which left a balance to be handled by the treasurer of \$258,500.00.

An overdraft of \$119,100 drawn to the American Heating and Ventilating Company had been returned and placed to the board's credit.

The School Banking Funds The value of the school sinking funds is \$172,504, bearing interest from local banks and depositaries at three per cent, this income being credited of course to the general fund.

The teachers' retirement fund is in equally good shape, the receipts for the year having been \$29,323.74, which added to the cash balance on hand at the close of the last year of \$4,907.23, ran the total receipts to \$34,230.97.

The total expenditures were \$35,616.65, \$4,588.38 having been paid out in annuities and the remaining \$9,060 having been paid out in loans. The cash balance this year is \$13,614.35.

In the list of sources from which income was derived the report shows that \$394,924.23 was collected for 1213 real estate tax and that \$9,553 was received for occupation tax.

Quarter Million For Teachers Harrisburg's school teachers pay roll is a mighty item. During the year just past it paid out nearly a quarter of a million alone for the teachers' staff.

The statement relative to the condition of the teachers' retirement fund is particularly interesting however in that it effects so many of the city's great staff of teachers in the public schools.

The report shows that the teachers contributed \$5,826.23, the superintendent contributed \$50, the school board's share totaled \$2,876.14, the interest from investments amounted to \$1,751.14 and payments on mortgages and loans reached \$7,000.

The recapitulation of the assets the value of the city's real estate, streets and grounds is shown to be \$1,360,000, the school furniture is worth \$50,000, the books and apparatus \$70,000, outstanding taxes \$11,000, sinking funds \$132,534, the Shimmel building fund contains \$8,188 and the actual cash in bank is \$1,08, a total of \$1,741,103.05.

NARROW ESCAPES IN MIDNIGHT FIRE AT MILLERSBURG

Whole Center of Town at One Time Threatened by Stub-born Blaze

Harrisburg Firemen Called For, But Their Aid Is Not Needed

Special to The Telegraph

Millersburg, Pa., Aug. 24.—A fire supposed to have been of incendiary origin destroyed the large hardware store of Thomas Long, at the corner of Market and Center streets, and the dwellinghouse of Ray Brubaker, adjoining, last night.

The second story of the hardware store was used as a flat and was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. George Wilver and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wetzel, all of whom escaped by a narrow margin, as the fire was well under way before discovered.

The three-story brick building adjoining the hardware store, occupied by Uhler & Co., general store; H. L. Lark, attorney, and Tahoe Tribe of Red Men was flooded with water, which ruined all of the goods.

This brick building helped to confine the fire to the hardware store, as at one time the whole block was threatened and telegrams were sent to Sunbury and Harrisburg for engines to assist.

The appeal was later countermanded, as the fire was gotten under control. The Halifax fire department brought 250 feet of hose by automobile, which greatly assisted in the work.

The fire was discovered about 20 minutes before 1 o'clock and started in the warehouse of the building on the Center street side. Several persons who passed the place only a quarter of an hour before saw no fire.

However, it is said that a panel of the warehouse door was knocked in early in the evening, and together with the size the fire assumed almost immediately, it is supposed to have been set off.

The buildings were owned by the G. M. Brubaker estate and the loss is covered by insurance. R. B. Brubaker lost all his furniture with no insurance, and it is not known how much insurance Messrs. Long, Uhler, Wilver and Wetzel carried.

The Millersburg fire company did heroic work and the water supply was very good. On account of live wires the lights were turned off and thieves taking advantage of the fire and darkness, raided several homes.

The firemen were menaced by the explosion of thousands of cartridges and oil barrels and other explosives. Several people were overcome by the heat and a number received minor injuries.

THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled, probably thundershowers this afternoon fair and cooler to-night and Tuesday.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Thundershowers this afternoon or to-night, cooler Tuesday partly cloudy and cooler; gentle to moderate northwest to north winds.

River The main river will continue to rise to-night and Tuesday. A stage of about 3.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg, Tuesday morning.

General Conditions The center of the disturbance from the northwest has moved eastward to the Maine coast during the last forty-eight hours. It has caused showers in the last twenty-four hours from the upper Mississippi river eastward through the Lake region into the Chesapeake and New York.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 70. Sun: Breeze, S. by E. at 4 m. sets, 6:51. Moon: First quarter, August 27, 10:52 a. m. River Stage: 2.7 feet above low water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 88. Lowest temperature, 63. Mean temperature, 70. Normal temperature, 71.

MARRIAGE LICENSES William Harry Bell and Elizabeth Genevieve Garrett, City.

JAPAN BOMBARDS TSING TAU SEAPORT; GERMAN FORCES CROSS FRENCH FRONTIER

MEN WHO CLASH ON RUSSO-GERMAN FRONTIER



In the upper photograph is shown a troop of German infantry eating dinner in the field. This photograph contradicts the published stories that the German army is in a state of revolt because of lack of food. These stories said that each man received only two small sausages and a teaspoonful of peas at each meal. In the picture the men are eating soup, good, generous portions of it, and seem perfectly contented and happy. In the lower photograph is shown a group of Russian infantry patrolling the border line between Germany and Russia.

Wireless Dispatches Tell of Victory For Kaiser; Germans Invade Nancy

Reports Received in London and Paris Tell of Invasion of City in Northern France by Emperor William's Forces; British Engaged in an All Day Battle Yesterday Without Either Side Falling Back; Two Great Armies Are Now Engaged in Actual Warfare; Russians Are Invading Germany and Are Thirty Miles From the Frontier

Paris, Aug. 24, 3.10 P. M.—An official announcement this afternoon says that Lunéville, Amance and Dieulouard, in the department of Meurthe and Moselle, have been occupied by the Germans.

Tokio, Aug. 24.—The Yamato in an extra edition to-day says that the bombardment of Tsing Tau by the Japanese fleet has commenced. This message was passed by the censor of the navy department.

London, Aug. 23, 4.25 A. M.—The Ostend correspondent of the Daily Mail says that the German columns are marching southward toward Valenciennes on the Scheldt, thirty-one miles southeast of Lille, one proceeding by way of Ninove and Grammont and Lessines, Belgium, and the other going by way of Hal, Braine, Lecomte and Mons, Belgium. They are moving with great speed.

Further northwest advanced parties have appeared and done damage successively at Thiel and Lichterfelde. It is suggested that this means a dash upon Roubaix, one of the wealthiest of French towns, or upon Lille. In that case the movement toward Valenciennes probably would be an encircling one.

Paris, Aug. 24, 10.24 A. M.—A rumor is in circulation in Paris this morning that the Germans have occupied the unfortified town of Nancy. This report, however, lacks confirmation.

Nancy is the capital of the Department of Meurthe and Moselle, thirty-five miles south of Metz, on the left bank of the river Meurthe. It is about ten miles from the German frontier. It is one of the finest and best built towns of France and has a population of over 90,000. Of the ancient fortifications of the town only the citadel has been preserved.

Udine, Italy, Aug. 24, via Paris, 12.15 P. M.—Reports received here from Vienna are to the effect that the Austrians are about to abandon their operations against the Servians on the Drina river in order to concentrate their forces against the Russian advance.

London, Aug. 24, 1.35 P. M.—The official bureau of information to-day gave out the following announcement: "British forces were engaged all day Sunday and until after dark with the enemy in the neighborhood of Mons, Belgium. They held their ground."

A dispatch of the Associated Press from Berlin by wireless telegraph has brought news of German victories over the French. Official announcement is made in the German capital that a German army has defeated a French army at Neufchateau, capturing guns and prisoners, including several generals. The Germans are pursuing the French vigorously in one case beyond Longwy. Another German army captured 150 French guns in the French department of Meurthe and Moselle.

The Germans are reported west of the river Meuse, advancing against Maubeuge. They have defeated an English brigade of cavalry.

The great battle between the allied forces of England and France against the bulk of the invading German army continued again to-day with no word as to whether a decisive result had been reached. Official information given out in London states that the British forces were engaged all day yesterday with the enemy in the neighborhood of Mons, Belgium. The English held their ground, according to the official statement.

The conflict between the allied forces and the Germans in Belgium extends along the complete line of contact and the French embassy at London has received information that up to the present the battle has been without advantage to either side.

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The bombardment of Tsing Tau, China, by the Japanese fleet has begun, according to the Yamato which published an extra edition in Tokio to-day. The message giving the news of the bombardment was passed by the navy department censor at Tokio.

The German troops, according to reports from upper Alsace, are making another offensive movement against the French army which is occupying Muelhausen and vicinity.

RUSSIANS ARE INVADING GERMANY The Russians according to Paris reports, now occupy territory fifty miles on the German frontier.

Swimmers of City Use Island Sands as a Tango Beach

In Bathing Suits? Of Course! To the Gentle Strains of Baby Phonographs, They Do Those Daring Dances!!

Are the city's boy and girl canoeists and swimmers transferring a bit of Atlantic City's beach to the islands in the Susquehanna, figuratively, from time to time, by tangoing on the sands?

Someone who read the Telegraph's evening "chat" column a few evenings ago raised the question. "What" was about the use of small phonographs or talking machines by canoeists and swimmers who like to have a little music with theirs of a moonlight night.

But the reader in question thought the matter hadn't been gone into fully enough. "Don't you know what they do with those machines or why they have 'em—some of 'em, I mean? Why they use 'em to tango on the sand?"

"Do you mean to say that the canoeists tango on the sand by moonlight to the music of a phonograph?" "Yes, indeed—and the swimmers do it too."

"In bathing suits of course?" "Eh? Oh, yes—of course!"

PROBLEMS OF THIRD CLASS CITIES TO BE CONVENTION TOPICS

Officials Will Discuss Good and Evil of the Clark Act

Harrisburg's delegation to the first session of Pennsylvania's Third Class City League to be held since the commission form of government was adopted by the municipalities of the State, has practically completed its plans to leave for Meadville, the convention city, this evening.

Prior to leaving for Meadville, the Councilmen will attend the luncheon to be held at the Reservoir

HOUSING BUREAU BILL IS READY FOR NEXT LEGISLATURE

State Health Department Is Doing Great Welfare Work in Pennsylvania

Manifestly the Democratic candidate for governor of Pennsylvania has in his weeping over the alleged ills of the farmers failed to see the great work that has been done for the babies of our State through the State Department of Health.

There appears in the Johnstown Democrat, which ought to be good authority, a most interesting article on a recent baby show held in that city under the

Does Not Believe That Emperor Caused War

Paris, Aug. 24, 6 A. M.—Abbe Wetterle, a former member of the Reichstag from Alsace, writing for a morning paper says it is a mistake to believe the war was the work of either Emperor William or German officialdom.

"It is," he says, "the will of the people of every degree who have been made to believe that the Germans race is superior to all others and ought to dominate the universe. The emperor would have compromised his crown if he had tried to resist the popular movement."

Second Fly Contest of the Civic Club

Late News Bulletins

WAR SCARE DISAPPEARS Washington, Aug. 24.—Danger of war between Japan and Austria was removed to-day through the agreement of Austria to dismantle her cruiser, the Kaiserin Elizabeth, now at Tsing Tau.

GERMAN BIPLANE EXHIBITED Belfort, France, Aug. 24.—A German biplane captured at Cerney has been added to the 22 guns and other trophies to be placed at the foot of the Alsace monument.

POLES NOW INDEPENDENT? New York, Aug. 24.—Count Johan Von Bornstorf, German ambassador to the United States, announced upon his arrival here to-day from Rotterdam, that his government had been informed that Russian civil and military authorities had withdrawn from Poland and that the Poles had set up an independent government with Warsaw as its capital.

Washington, Aug. 24.—After a conference with Secretary Daniels to-day Secretary Redfield notified the German-owned wireless station at Tuckerton, N. J., that it is operating in violation of law.

Paris, Aug. 24, 2.37 P. M.—"The general engagement continues to-day with desperation" is the wording of an official communication given out this afternoon. "Already both sides have suffered serious losses."

Washington, Aug. 24.—Nominations of Attorney General McReynolds to be an associate justice of the Supreme Court and Thomas W. Gregory to be attorney general were ordered favorably reported to the Senate to-day by the Judiciary Committee.

London, Aug. 24, 4.30 P. M.—Refugees coming from Germany state, according to the Evening Standard that reports persist there that Crown Prince Frederick William is dead. This is the latest of a series of similar reports, some representing that the heir to the throne had been stabbed by a socialist, other that he had been wounded in battle.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The United States Steel Corporation, the Standard Oil Company and the United Fruit Company have notified the government of their intentions to put their fleets under the American flag under the new law extending home registry to foreign-built craft.

Portland, Me., Aug. 24.—A Federal court suit to recover damages of \$1,040,000 and interest, was instituted here to-day by the Guaranty Trust Company of New York against the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, and a deputy United States marshal was sent to Harbor to libel the company's steamer Krasnapolska, which, at that port.

LIGHTHOUSES SET UP BY EPISCOPAL BISHOP DO SPLENDID WORK

No Telling How Many Have Been Steered Aright by the Rev. Darlington's Plan

"Pointing a New Path to the Wayward," in the title of a page article in yesterday's Philadelphia North American which is of special interest to Harrisburgers. It is a story of the great social work being done by the "Lighthouse" established by Bishop

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RUSSIAN FORCES CLAIM VICTORY IN FIRST BATTLE

Fighting Extended Nearly Thirty Miles on Both Sides of Main Railway

By Associated Press London, Aug. 24, 3 a. m.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from St. Petersburg sent under to-day's date says that the first great battle in the East Prussian theater of operations has been fought and won by the Russians, who gained a complete victory after six days of desperate fighting. The correspondent continues:

The battle front extended nearly thirty miles on both sides of the main railway running from Eydtkuhnen, a town on the Russian border westward. The fighting began Thursday, when the Russians attacked the German first division, which had delivered several unsuccessful assaults on Eydtkuhnen. The forces on both sides were gradually increased, the Germans finally having three army corps engaged. One army corps had been hurriedly called from Lyck.

"Fierce fighting took place at Gumbinnen on Thursday when the Germans attempted to turn the Russian flank. Though the attack here was conducted with the utmost vigor, the attempt was frustrated by the bravery and stubbornness of the Russian troops on this wing. The Russians took the opportunity offered by the concentration of the Germans to the northward to direct a vigorous as-

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