



CONFLICTING CLUES THWART EFFORTS TO SOLVE HILL MYSTERY

Believe Skeleton May Be That of Mechanicsburg Girl, Who Disappeared in 1901

JAR TOP FOUND IN GRAVE

Dr. Ayres Refuses to Talk to Newspapermen; Discover No Trace of German Family

Information received this morning that a girl, Bessie Edith Geyer, formerly of Mechanicsburg, had been seen within the last six or seven years in this neighborhood, turns all suspicion away from Dr. Charles E. Ayres, the York dentist who lived at the mystery home on the Hill between 1901 and 1902, and who employed as a nurse a girl about 16 years old named Bessie Geyer.

Investigations were made this morning at Mechanicsburg to learn the whereabouts of the girl who, Dr. Ayres said was a resident of that place and returned there after her employment with him thirteen years ago. Several persons said they vaguely remembered such a girl, but had not seen her in many years and could not say anything about her present location. Only one person remembered having seen her within ten years.

Among the rubbish of the grave found yesterday by R. C. Cashman, the plumber, was the top of a porcelain jar of charcoal tooth paste, such as a dentist might use in his work. It is about 3 1/2 by 2 1/2 inches and is larger than would be expected for private use. No opinion was expressed by any of the authorities as to the

Suffrage Resolution Will Be Made Subject of Public Hearing

The reporting out at this time without a hearing of the proposed woman's suffrage constitutional amendment from the Senate judiciary general committee will be made by Senator Daix, of Philadelphia, today.

Jack Johnson Will Be Extradited and Returned

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist who fled to Europe after being sentenced to a year in the Federal penitentiary for violation of the Mann act, will be extradited and returned to Chicago on a charge of conspiracy, according to a statement today by Charles F. Cline, United States District Attorney.

ON TRIAL FOR TREASON

Bloemfontein, via London, Feb. 16, 8:30 a. m.—The trial of General Christian De Wet and other leaders of the South African rebellion against Great Britain who are charged with high treason began here today.

CATTLE DISEASE BREAKS OUT

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 16.—The stock yards at East Buffalo will close this afternoon under State and federal orders because of the reappearance of foot and mouth disease.

THE WEATHER

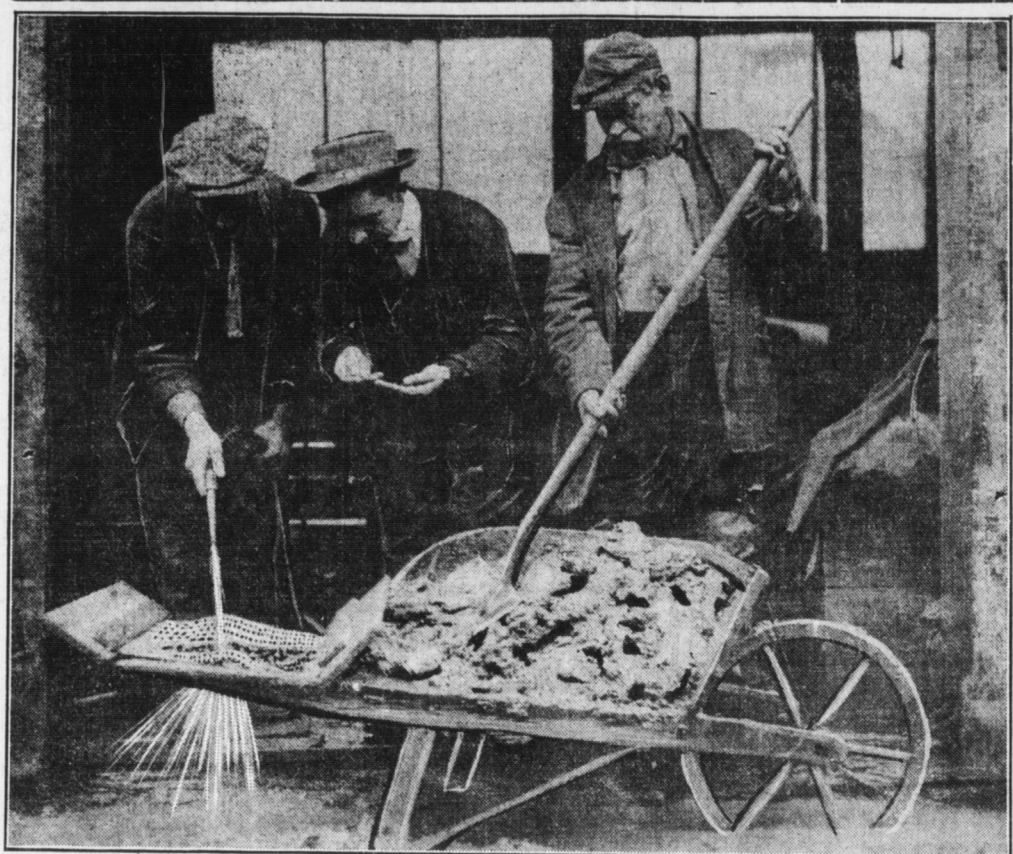
For Harrisburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy and cooler to-night, with lowest temperature about freezing; Wednesday fair.

The Juniata, West Branch and Upper North Branch will fall tonight and Wednesday. The lower portion of the North Branch and the main river will rise tonight and begin to fall Wednesday.

General Conditions The storm that was central north of the Lake and Region, Monday morning, has passed down the St. Lawrence Valley and the high pressure area from the west has overtopped the territory east of the Rocky Mountains.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 28. Sun: Rise, 6:52 a. m.; sets, 5:37 p. m. Moon: New moon, first quarter, February 21, 9:58 p. m. River Stage: 9.5 feet above low-water mark.

WASHING OUT THE CLUES FROM DIRT IN MURDERED GIRL'S GRAVE



This is the way the authorities are washing out the clues from the grave of the murdered girl found in the cellar of 133 South Fourteenth street. The dirt is hauled to the plumber carefully washed out on a screen with the aid of a garden hose.

VETERANS TO RETRACE ROUTE OF BIG REVIEW

Post 58, With Commonwealth Band, Plans to Attend G. A. R. Encampment at Washington

TO HOLD SHOW FOR FUNDS

Old Soldiers Express Wish to March Over Streets of Nation's Capitol as in '65

The fiftieth national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held in Washington in September, will be attended by members of Post No. 58 of this city, according to plans announced yesterday.

Thousands of veterans at the forty-ninth annual encampment at Detroit last year decided to participate in the fiftieth anniversary of the reviewing of troops in 1865 by Sherman and Grant as the soldiers marched up Pennsylvania avenue past the Capitol.

This year the veterans who go to Washington will parade over the old route as they did just before disbanding years ago.

Noah A. Walmer, adjutant of Post 58, said yesterday that the members of the post are planning to go in a body and intend to take the Commonwealth Band with them. In order to defray expenses an entertainment will be given in Chestnut Street

"Phonoscope" Said to Enable Deaf to "See" Instead of Hear Sounds

Bombay, India, Feb. 16.—It was announced in Lahore that a professor, Albe, of that city, has invented a "phonoscope," the use of which enables the totally deaf to perceive sounds, such as speech and music, by means of the eye.

CLOSED SEASON FOR QUAIL IS PROPOSED

Mr. Brumbaugh, of Blair, Would Forbid Shooting For Next Three Years

A closed season for quail for three years is proposed in a bill introduced in the House today by Mr. Brumbaugh, Blair. The bill prohibits hunting of "Bob White" from the passage of the act until the opening of the quail season in 1918 under penalty of \$10 and costs for each bird.

DEDICATE SANATORIUM

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 16.—The Chicago Municipal Tuberculosis Sanatorium, termed by experts the largest and best equipped in the world, was dedicated today.

MORE ROBIN RED BREASTS THAN ANY OTHER SPECIES OF SONG BIRD

Sixty Pairs of English Sparrows to Square Mile Is Average; Cat-birds, Thrashers, Wrens, King-birds and Bluebirds, in Order

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—A census of birds of the United States announced by the Department of Agriculture today, shows an average of sixty pairs of English sparrows to the square mile or seven to every 100 native birds throughout the country.

The robin is shown to be the most numerous bird with the English sparrow a close second. In the northeast robins averaged six pairs to each farm of fifty-eight acres, while English sparrows averaged five pairs per farm taking 100 robins as a unit other birds were noted in the following proportions:

Cat birds, 49; brown thrashers, 37; house wrens, 28; kingbirds, 27; and bluebirds, 25.

As for density of population on each acre of farm land there was an average of one pair of birds, Chevy Chase, Md., holds the record for density where 161 pairs nested on 23 acres. Thirty-four species of birds were represented.

The bird population is much less than it ought to be according to department experts, who claim that if birds were given more protection there would be an increase in numbers.

TO COMPLETE CITY'S 'FRONT STEPS' JULY 1

City and Contractors Agree on Final Adjustment of Construction Problem on Wall

By July 1, 1915, the construction of the river front wall, "the front steps of Harrisburg," must be finally completed, according to an agreement entered into today by the city and Stucker Brothers Construction Company, the contractors.

The basis upon which the adjustment was made is that the city pay over at once \$15,000 of the 12 per cent. of the total contract price now being held pending the completion of the work and the contractors on the other hand agree to accept the final estimate of the engineers and to finish the improvement at the time specified.

By these terms the possibility of any litigation or disputes over future estimates, "extras," etc., is eliminated. A resolution authorizing the Board

HARRISBURG BOY TO BE CITY'S FORESTER

Harry J. Mueller, First Local Youth to Enter State Forestry Service, Is Named Today

Harry J. Mueller, of Bellefonte, a former Central high school graduate and the first Harrisburg boy to enter the forestry service of Pennsylvania was named this afternoon in Council to be Harrisburg's first city forester. Mueller will begin his new duties about March 1. His salary will be \$1,000.

WORLD WAITS KAISER'S WAR ZONE NOTE REPLIES

STUBBORN FIRE RAGES UNDER OFFICE FLOORS

Morning Blaze Causes Between \$5,000 and \$7,500 Damage in Bergner Building

STARTS IN SHOE STORE

Third in Central District Since January 1; Six Firms Sustain Losses

Fire which broke out at 11 o'clock this morning in the rear of the Walk-Over Shoe Store in the Bergner building, through partitions, and concrete floors. It was also necessary to cut away false floors and ceilings and tear out a large portion of the second floor in order to get the chemical and plug streams on the blaze.

The heaviest loser is the Walk-Over

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KAISER IS GAINING GROUND IN EAST

Both Offensive Flanks Advance; Austrians Reoccupy Czernowitz; Allies Silence Guns

London, Feb. 16, 12 Noon.—The general offensive of the Teutonic allies along the extended eastern front is continuing successfully on both flanks, judging from reports reaching London, but without any visible forward movement on the front toward Warsaw or in the Carpathians.

The Bucharest reports that the Austrians have reoccupied Czernowitz, the capital of Bukovina. Petrograd admits officially that the Austrians are still advancing in Bukovina in large force, and that desperate fighting marks the operations in the passes of the Carpathians.

In East Prussia the Russians have not yet regained their fortified lines and the German advance, while not checked, seems to British observers to be proceeding with less speed.

Paris reports from the western front that the sole activity consists in artillery engagements in which the guns of the allies have been successful in silencing batteries northeast of Ypres.

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German Press Hints That Its Answer Rests on Question of Using Neutral Flags; Washington to Get Response Soon

27 U. S. SHIPS IN ZONE FEBRUARY 18

5 Vessels Carrying Hundreds of American Passengers Will Be in Danger; All Ships Will Run Risk of Destruction

London, Feb. 16.—In diplomatic circles the replies of Germany to notes from neutral powers concerning Germany's proposed marine war zone are awaited with interest; Great Britain's reply concerning the use of neutral flags is given secondary importance.

MAY SEND NOTE TO-DAY

Rotterdam, via London, Feb. 16, 12:48 P. M.—A dispatch to the Rotterdam Courant from Berlin says the German government will today dispatch to Washington its reply to the American note on the subject of American shipping in the declared war zone in British waters.

GERMANY MUST BACK DOWN

Paris, Feb. 16, 4:50 A. M.—America's blockade notification has brought forth a chorus of praise from the princely chieftains of the press from the Georges Clemenceau who hitherto has been disposed to criticize President Wilson, says the President has spoken the words the American people expect.

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SCOURING STATE FOR ITALIAN MURDERER

Man Who Killed Boarder and Felled Woman With Revolver Still at Large

MURDER FOLLOWED QUARREL

First Shot Crashes Into Temple; Second, Through Body; Victim Dies Almost Instantly

Police in every city and town of importance within a radius of 600 miles of Harrisburg are watching for Carlo Conte, an Italian, wanted on a charge of murder.

During a quarrel last night at the home of Mrs. Vincenza Lauda, a boarding mistress, at 228 Cherry street, Conte sent a bullet into the brain of John Pulmo. The latter died soon after reaching the Harrisburg Hospital.

Conte knocked Mrs. Lauda unconscious with the butt of his revolver, and escaped through a rear door into a blind alley.

At the Cherry street house, it is said, Conte had been leaning on Pulmo for some time. Last night when Conte was asked by Mrs. Lauda to pay his board he refused. Pulmo sided with the woman and the two Italians almost came to blows.

The first shot hit Pulmo in the right temple. The second shot went into the man's body. The police were called and rushed both Pulmo and Mrs. Lauda to the hospital.

PLAN \$10,000 HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION

The Highspire School Board last night decided to retain Harry C. Wright, architect, to submit plans for a four-room addition to the High School building to cost \$10,000.

ONE NEW REMONSTRANCE FILED

Harrisburg.—Up until a late hour this afternoon only one new remonstrance had been filed against the relicensing of any of the holders of the privilege in Dauphin county.

RIVER IS RISING

River bulletins issued at noon to-day indicate a stage of about thirteen feet for Harrisburg to-morrow morning, after which the water will begin to fall slowly.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Samuel Conrad Besecker, New Cumberland, and Demma Lizetta Sanderson, Pleasant Hill.

GIRL THOUGHT MURDERED LIVING

The mother of Bessie Edith Guyer, the Mechanicsburg girl, who the police think may have been the girl murdered at 133 South Fourteenth street, was located this afternoon and she says her daughter is married and living in Philadelphia.

ANOTHER BANK SUICIDE

Lebanon, Pa., Feb. 16.—Frank Grumbine, aged 40, a Schaefferstown tobacco grower, shot himself in the head this afternoon and died instantly. He is said to have dreaded the approach of April 1, on which date he had a large number of obligations to meet.

LOCAL OPTION HEARING

The House Law and Order Committee set aside March 2 as the date to consider the local option bill. The bill to permit fishing on Sunday was indefinitely postponed.

WRECKED BANK WILL SOON BE REOPENED

Schaefertown, Pa., Feb. 16.—Now that all of the \$42,500 deficit of the First National Bank here has been made good, according to an official statement give out last evening, interest centers in the day that the doors will be reopened.

Stockholders Pay Assessment and Will Take Part in Selection of New Cashier

Final payments on the \$170 assessment were made yesterday by the stockholders, who are to take no small part in the election by the Board of Directors of the new cashier.

Binmer's will was probated yesterday at Lebanon and letters taken out by the widow, Laura Binmer, who is the sole beneficiary under its provisions.

The Bowman amendments safeguarding the company and city by a

Following the adoption of amendments relative to the leasehold and provision for safeguarding both city and company in the event of a failure of the coal supply, City Council this afternoon laid over the Bowman ordinance granting the Harrisburg Light and Power Company the use of a plot on the island for a coal wharf until next Tuesday, when the City Planning Commission and representatives of the electric company will attend to discuss the measure on final passage.

The views of the Planning Commission as agreed upon at Friday's session were submitted to Council. The commission opposes the plan on the ground that the construction of the island wharf would only relieve and not eliminate conditions at the Market street wharf; admits that it is better to locate the landing elsewhere than at Market street, but isn't convinced that suggested site is best; calls attention to the precedent that would be established.

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