



COUNCIL MAY TAKE STEPS TO CLOSE UP GAP IN RIVER WALL

Action Likely in Near Future If Electric Co. Can Abandon Market St. Wharf For Island

"QUESTION OF TIME"—LYNCH

Plan Prepared; Twenty Years Limit For Leasehold; Debris Outside Wall to Be Removed

Legislation will likely be introduced in City Council in the near future authorizing the closing of the coal wharf gap in the river wall at Market street...

Months ago, it is understood, the engineers of the Board of Public Works worked out a plan to provide for the abridging of the unsightly opening in the str. ch. of improved water front...

By unloading the fuel on the island the electric light company, of course, would no longer require facilities at Market street and as this firm handles more than 80 per cent. of the traffic there...

To Do Away With Biggest Fleet Besides the electric light company there are only two or three smaller coal and sand companies whose fleet moor at Market street and it is believed that after authorizing the closing of the gap in the wall at this point...

"The closing of the gap at Market street will save time in time," said Commissioner of Public Works, "but, of course, this will require legislation in the form of either a resolution or an ordinance in Council."

"The question of whether the gap could be closed before the contractors finish the wall entirely is a question. By the agreement between the city and Stucker Brothers' Construction company the work must be completed by July 1. Now the city can hardly expect the electric light company to abandon the landing unless some other place is provided."

Ready to Begin Work The company, it is said, has ordered its construction materials subject to delivery upon the passage of the

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EX-JUDGE GEORGE GRAY MAKES TWO MORE DECISIONS

Hazleton, Pa., Feb. 17.—Two more decisions in mine grievances on which the Anthracite Conciliation Board was unable to agree were rendered to-day by ex-Judge George Gray of Wilkes-Barre, Del. The umpire named to settle the disputes. He sustains the contention of the miners of the Harwood Coal Company, who demanded payment for replacement of props where squeezes occur or other extraordinary conditions prevail. He rules against the request of Audenreid miners of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company for a specified rate on certain grades of work on the ground that no agreement to this effect was embodied in the contract drawn up between the scale committee and the superintendent.

WILL COMPLY WITH DECREE Special to The Telegraph Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—Secretary of State Bryan to-day announced that the United States would comply with General Carranza's decree requiring diplomatic representatives of foreign governments in Mexico to conduct their negotiations directly with him and not through his military commanders.

SHIP PURCHASE BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

Voted on as Amendment to Week's Naval Auxiliary Measure Early Today

Washington, Feb. 17.—The government ship purchase bill, as an amendment to the Weeks' naval auxiliary bill was passed by the House at 1.20 o'clock this morning by a vote of 215 to 121.

The passage of the bill followed a 14-hour parliamentary struggle which, until after midnight threatened to extend for a long period, because of a determined filibuster led by Minority Leader Mann who yielded only after administration leaders decided to apply a second special rule to bring the fight to an end.

Nineteen Democrats voted against the bill. They were: Bathrick, Borchers, Callaway, Dies, Donohue, Fitzgerald, Gerry, Gordon, Jones, Kindel, Kitchin, Morrison, Moss of Indiana, Page of North Carolina, Saunders, Slayden, Whitacre, White and Witherspoon.

All of the Republicans present voted against the bill and five Progressives joined with the Democratic majority for it, as follows: Bryan, Kelley of Pennsylvania, McDonald, Lafferty and Murdock.

LAND SLIDE BURIED HOUSE

Rome, Feb. 17.—A land slide caused by the torrential rains at Varcosina buried a house occupied by eight persons. None of those entombed has been rescued.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERS AT PENNSY STATION JUST BEFORE LEAVING ON 2-DAY TRADE TRIP



Just before leaving the Pennsylvania Railroad Station this morning on the "Trade Trip Special" the members of the Chamber of Commerce were snapped by the Telegraph photographer. The two-day trade trip will take the Chamber members through the Susquehanna Valley and into the coal region towns. City advertising is the main object of the trip.

COMMERCE BODY HAS GREAT TIME ON FIRST DAY OF TRIP

Trade Extension Excursion Party Meets Most Distinguished Citizens in All Towns Visited

[By Staff Correspondent] Sunbury, Pa., Feb. 17.—It has been a great start of what promises to be a great trip.

The Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce extension party arrived here on schedule time aboard its special train after a very eventful journey from Harrisburg. Sunbury turned out its most distinguished citizens to meet the visitors and the party was escorted to City Hotel, where luncheon was served.

Millersburg was the first stop and the Harrisburgers found the town flag flying at full mast in a whipping breeze and a large number of the representative business men and manufacturers of that thriving Dauphin county town out to meet them. The delegation was led by H. M. Fairchild, former burgess and one of the live wires of the place; J. W. Brubaker, another prominent citizen, and H. M. Bowman, a businessman well known all over the county. They were escorted over town and made the entire trip without rubbers, due to the fact that Millersburg boasts of more than two miles of well-paved streets.

See Big Fire Drill At the Johnson Bailey Shoe Company's plants as the visitors lined up before the building a fire drill alarm was sounded and more than 600 employees of this popular industry piled out pell mell while the Harrisburgers cheered and gave the Harrisburg yell, followed by "What's the matter with Millersburg?"

The Millersburg bunch distributed business literature and the Harrisburgers presented a fine presentation of Harrisburg booklets.

In the public square they were welcomed by H. W. Bowman, who spoke in the absence of the burgess, who was ill, and John S. Musser, former president of the Harrisburg Rotary Club and president of the Dauphin Electric Supply Company, responded.

At Hazleton the Harrisburgers were met by C. A. Riland, secretary, and J. L. Brower, president, of the Board of Trade, and the speaker of the occasion, the Rev. Charles A. Arner, pastor of the United Evangelical Church, was introduced by L. J. Tressler, a well-known business man. At the request of President Henderson Gilbert, the Rev. G. Yarnall, treasurer, and Amos Bloom, secretary, of the Sunbury Business Men's Association, and

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WHY DO JOKESMITHS PESTER ONE WITH "HOUSE OF MYSTERY" STUFF

Restaurant Baker's Position Suddenly Turned Into Just a Job; Tiny Foot and Matted Mop of Baby Curls—O-o-oh!

Ordinarily being the baker in a well-known Market street restaurant is a pretty fair position even if one does have to turn out before daylight every morning, but when fresh guys in the neighborhood persist in harrowing a fellow's feelings with almost tangible evidence of a murdered 4-year-old baby, that position ceases to be a position.

It gets to be just a tough job. Which is the gist of the plaint of the baker whose name and effect are the direct results of these stories about that Allison Hill "house of mystery" and the finding of the skeleton of a girl in the cellar the other day.

The kitchen of the restaurant open upon a sort of courtyard and the yard leads into a building in Blackberry street that is being used by the Kaufman stores as sort of a temporary warehouse. All sorts of things from the tinware to the toy department are stored there.

Early yesterday morning the baker glanced out of the window and in the dim half-light saw the tiny foot and a wealth of matted red hair protruding from a newspaper on the stone steps. When he had recovered his breath and locked the door and placed a hatchet where it could be reached in a hurry he told the boss. The latter says he always thought he was ordinarily phlegmatic. He had a look at the weird package in the newspaper and discovered he isn't so very, very phlegmatic at all. Eventually an investigation disclosed the low-down trick that some fresh jokesmith in a nearby factory had tried to slip over on the baker.

Wrapped in the paper was a victim of the Kaufman fire—a great, big, one-time beautiful doll.

SKELETON MYSTERY IS STILL UNSOLVED

Police Diligently Searching For Some Trace of Bessie Guyer, Dentist's Maid

No further developments in the identification of the skeleton unearthed last Friday in the cellar of the house, 132 South Fourteenth street, have come to light to-day, but diligent searching of the authorities may be expected to bring to light some important clue at any time.

District Attorney Michael E. Stroup says that all the powers at his command, as well as the force of the local police department, will spare no efforts to solve the mystery, and apprehend the criminal.

County Detective James T. Walters expects to search for Bessie Guyer, the girl who was said by Dr. Charles E. Ayres to have lived with him as a nurse girl during his residence at the house in 1902.

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AGED WOMAN FALLS DEAD IN THROG AT BROAD STREET MARKET

Mrs. John H. Deming, aged 71 years, of 507 Muench street, died of heart failure while purchasing supplies in Broad street market about 7 o'clock this morning.

She was alone and died before medical assistance could be obtained. She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Mrs. B. F. Umberger, 427 Peffer street. Funeral services will be held at the daughter's home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

50,000 PRISONERS TAKEN BY GERMANS

Berlin, by Wireless to London, Feb. 17, 9.10 A. M.—Fifty thousand prisoners, besides many cannon and machine guns, were captured by the Germans when the Russian tenth army was defeated in the Mazurian lake district, East Prussia, according to a statement issued at general headquarters here to-day. The text of the communication follows:

"In a nine days' battle in the Mazurian lake district the Russian tenth army, consisting of at least eleven infantry and several cavalry divisions, not only was driven out of strongly entrenched positions east of the Mazurian lake plateau, but was forced back across the frontier.

Utterly defeated at almost every point, only the remnants of the army managed to reach the woods east of Suwalki and Augustow, where they are being pursued. The number of prisoners taken has not been ascertained, but certainly exceeded 50,000. More than fifty cannon and sixty machine guns, besides an unknown quantity of war material, were captured.

Emperor William was present during the decisive fighting in the center of our line. The victory was won by veteran East Prussian troops, assisted by other troops who were young for such work but proved their worth. The achievements of these troops under fearful weakness, marching by day and night and fighting against such a stubborn enemy are beyond all praise."

GOVERNOR TALKS ON HIS IDEAS ON CHILD LABOR BILL

Wants Pennsylvania to Have Very Best Laws on the Subject in the Whole Union

Governor Brumbaugh to-day made his position plain on the "child labor" bill presented in the Senate by Mr. Phelps, of Crawford county, the measure prepared by the Pennsylvania Child Labor Association. "I favored the Phelps bill when presented, but I did not stand arbitrarily back of it for the reason that I believe there is a better solution of the problem," said he. "The bill is an improvement over the existing conditions and if it is enacted the State will have one of the best child labor laws in the Union, but if the changes I have in mind are made, Pennsylvania will have the best child labor law of all and that is what we should have. We should lead."

The Governor said that he was approaching the question gradually following the lines of his inaugural address. It has been known for a long time that he felt that no child under sixteen should work in school hours, but he given the fullest educational advantages possible to fit the youngster physically and mentally for the serious work of life. He will work for this plan, but if it should develop that conditions now are unfavorable the burden of children between 14 and 16 should be so lightened that they can be given opportunity for education for two years. The continuation school idea is strongly favored on Capitol Hill.

Dr. Brumbaugh means to get the best child labor law possible while he is Governor just as he means to obtain the best workmen's compensation act. The latter act will be made public next week. Last night the conference at the Governor's residence resulted in approval of the bill for the continuation of administration.

The three commissioners to be named by the chief of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

BRITISH STEAM COLLIER TORPEDOED BY GERMANS

Havre, via Paris, Feb. 17, 1.45 a. m.—The British steam collier Dulwich, bound from Hull to Rouen, was torpedoed by a German submarine 20 miles northwest of Cape De La Heve at 4 o'clock last night. The torpedo struck the middle starboard side.

As the crew took to the boats the submarine which torpedoed the ship was seen speeding away. The Dulwich sank in 20 minutes.

Twenty-two members of the crew of 31 men were picked up by the French destroyer Arquebuse and brought to Havre. Seven others rowed to Fenamp. The fate of the other two is unknown.

BROTHERHOODS CALL RAILROADS UNFAIR

In a statement issued to-day by the legislative committees of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Order of Railway Conductors, railroad companies are again charged with unfairness in their fight for the repeal of the crew law.

The legislative representatives of these two transportation brotherhoods say the railroad companies are right in theory, but are coercive in their tactics; that they have the right to give their side, but should explain facts more fully. It is denied that employees have the privilege of signing or refusing to sign a petition.

The legislative boards claim that men outside the transportation departments must sign against the full crew law. They also claim that the program mapped out by the railroad companies to give the public information regarding the full crew bill is deceptive.

The statement in part follows: "The Pennsylvania, Baltimore & Ohio, Philadelphia & Reading, Lehigh Valley, Erie, Lackawanna, New York

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WANT \$100,000,000 FOR LOANS

Paris, Feb. 16, 11 p. m.—A bill providing for a credit of \$100,000,000 from which loans can be made to small business interests ruined by the war thereby enabling them to start again, will be introduced in the Chamber of Deputies by Georges Berry.

RUSSIAN ARMY ENVELOPED BY AUSTRO-HUNGARIANS; BRITISH SHIP TORPEDOED

German Dispatches Say Invaders Were "Utterly Defeated at Most Points" and That 50,000 Russians Were Made Prisoners; German Submarine Again Active in English Channel; German Note Presented to the American Ambassador

The German War office announced to-day that in the recent defeat of the Russians in the Mazurian lakes region of East Prussia, more than 50,000 prisoners were taken. The invaders, it is said, were "utterly defeated at most points," only remnants of the Russian army escaping after a battle of nine days. An earlier official German statement said that 26,000 Russians had been captured.

While the British air force was dropping their bombs on the German positions along the Belgian coast in an effort to destroy or damage the submarine base at Zeebrugge, the guns at Ostend and Middelkerke and the aerodrome at Ghistelles.

According to the official report, good results were attained. Forty machines were utilized, as compared with thirty-four in last Friday's attack. Yesterday's raid accordingly was the greatest aerial onslaught in history.

While the British air force were dropping their bombs on the gun positions, the supply trains and barges and the trawlers used in mine laying and mine sweeping operations sight French aviators thus preventing the German aviators from making an attempt to cut off the British machines.

Another British vessel has been sunk by a German submarine. It became known to-day that the collier Dulwich, which went down yesterday in the English channel was torpedoed.

Formidable Army Assembled An Athens dispatch states that a formidable army has been assembled for a new campaign against Serbia. This army is described as amounting to 450,000 men, made up in part of Germans. The army which Serbia now has in the field is estimated at about one-half this size.

WILL SUSPEND SHIPPING London, Feb. 17, 10.40 a. m.—The Exchange Telegraph company's Amsterdam correspondent is authority for the statement that the Batavia and Seeland shipping lines and services between Folkstone and Flushing will be

WANT STATION A delegation of New Market residents will petition the Public Service Commission to-morrow for a station.

REPORT PROVES ERRONEOUS

London, Feb. 17, 12.57 P. M.—The report which was current last night and received wide publicity to the effect that a prize crew of three British officers and sixteen men had been placed on board the American steamer Wilhelmina at Falmouth, proved to-day to be erroneous. The officer commanding the men in charge of the Wilhelmina said that the detachment was not a prize crew but merely a guard.

Berlin, via London, Feb. 17, 10.50 A. M.—Germany's reply to the United States note of protest against the regulations proposed for a war zone in the waters around the British Isles, has been handed to Ambassador James W. Gerard and probably will be forwarded to Washington to-day.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Administration Democrats got another setback in their fight for President Wilson's ship bill when they suddenly learned to-day that the bill as it passed the House last night will not command the support of Senators Kenyon, Norris or LaFollette, Progressive Republicans.

ANONYMOUS LETTER WRITERS BUSY

Harrisburg—Several anonymous letters have been received by District Attorney Michael E. Stroup, regarding the skeleton mystery on Allison Hill. One this morning, written on a scrap of paper, gave a new clue in an entirely different direction from the theory that the victim may have been the Mechanicsburg girl, Bessie Guyer. The district attorney would not disclose the contents of the letters.

ROBBERS RAID BANK

Duenweg, Mo., Feb. 17.—Three unmasked men with drawn revolvers entered the State Bank here to-day and after forcing the cashier to open the vault obtained \$2,000. The robbers fled, but are reported to have been captured near Joplin by a posse of fifty men.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Elmer Stone, Carlisle, and Mary A. Miller, Stewartstown.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Thursday; not much change in temperature; lowest temperature to-night about 30 degrees.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Thursday; not much change in temperature; moderate north winds.

River The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will fall to-night and Thursday, except the lower portion of the main river, which will remain nearly stationary to-night. A stage of about 11.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Thursday morning.

General Conditions The barometer continues high over the eastern half of the United States, with center of highest pressure over the Lake Region. The disturbance from the Pacific ocean has moved inland and now covers practically all the western half of the country with its center over Western Canada. A general rise of 2 to 36 degrees in temperature has occurred over nearly all the territory west of the Mississippi river, while east of the river it is 2 to 16 degrees cooler with the line of freezing temperature extending into Tennessee.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 34. Sun: Rise, 6:51 a. m.; sets, 5:58 p. m. Moon: First quarter, 9:58 p. m. River: Stage, 12.8 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 41. Lowest temperature, 36. Mean temperature, 36. Normal temperature, 50.