



COMMERCE BODY IS BACK, DETERMINED TO HAVE NEW HOTEL

Trade Boosters Well Pleased With Their Efforts to Advertise the City

WAS LIVE, ENERGETIC CROWD

Committee on Arrangements Is Commended For Completeness of Its Plans

The Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce trade expansion excursionists returned to Harrisburg last evening delighted with their two days' trip and visits to Millersburg, Herndon, Sunbury, Northumberland, Danville, Bloomsburg, Berwick, Kingston, Wilkes-Barre, Hazleton, Pottsville, Hamburg and Reading.

The votes of thanks that were extended to President Henderson Gilbert, Secretary E. L. McCollin, Charles W. Burnett, Stanley Jean and the members of the committees on arrangements and concessions during the "ceremonial session" held on the train during the return trip from Reading well merited the vociferous manner in which the assembled "live wires" put them through.

Harrisburg has never been represented anywhere as a better, more enthusiastic delegation than made up of this trade excursion party. They boasted the home town from start to finish and in turn brought with them many lessons for their own future guidance. Also they brought back from Reading the determination that the new Harrisburg hotel simply MUST be one of the things of the very near future.

Biggest Man in Wilkes-Barre The biggest man in the Harrisburgers discovered in Wilkes-Barre was Isaac Long, a prominent merchant, who put his automobile at their disposal on the morning of their departure and showed up at the station himself to bid them "goodspeed." A special invitation was extended to Mr. Long to come down to Harrisburg, which he promised to do.

The trip from Wilkes-Barre to Hazleton gave William H. Benne, Jr., J. J. Williams, Chairman, and several other members of the party opportunity to display the beautiful crepe paper chrysantheums they had purchased under the impression that they were real and for such minor diversions as a little game of five hundred and renditions of the rival choruses led by Howard G. Fry and Joseph Claster, who spent the soloist of the new Chamber of Commerce church choir.

Ahead of schedule the Harrisburg special pulled into the Valley station at Hazleton at 10:35 yesterday morning. Headed by the Secretary Hart, a delegation of the Harrisburg Board of Trade members was on hand to greet the visitors. Mayor Harvey was late in arriving, owing to the unexpected early arrival of the guests.

Following the lunch the visitors held an informal reception in the hotel.

McCormack Expects to Sing in Yale Bowl

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Saturday, continued cool; lowest temperature to-night about 25 degrees.

DISTRIBUTING TON OF FISH TO DESERVING POOR AT RUSS FISH MARKET



At the Russ fish market, Market Square this morning, 1,000 needy persons received a portion of fresh fish. The distribution was made by the firm of Russ and Windsor. Each person received from one to three haddock, according to the size of the family. The Square, on Strawberry street, was not her line of 200 or more. Captain Joseph P. Thompson and Paul Schelhas watch on panhandlers, and only those actually in need received fish.

STEAMER IS STRUCK BY GERMAN TORPEDO

Plate on Port Side Below Water Line Stove in by Force of Missile

SHIP NOT BADLY DAMAGED

Daily Traffic Service Between Dieppe and England Has Been Suspended

Dieppe, France, Feb. 19, via Paris, 4 A. M.—A German submarine torpedoed this morning without warning the French steamer Dinorah, from Havre for Dunkirk, at a point sixteen miles off Dieppe.

"Fan Hunchin'" Heard in Back Lots; Means Spring's Near at Hand

That there may be no doubt that the gentle Springtime is near at hand, it is known that marbles, tops and kites have appeared in the back lots on Allison Hill.

106 COKE OVENS FIRED

South Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 19.—The second battery of 106 coke ovens which are part of the 424 ovens being built at the Lehigh Coke plant here, at a cost of \$12,000,000, were charged today. The first battery of 106 ovens was put in operation about a week ago.

MEN VOLUNTARILY PLACE BAN ON RUM

Traction Company Employees Have Organized Flourishing Mission; Forego Lunch Hour

Swearing, drinking, cardplaying and other evils have been placed under the ban by men employed in the shops of the Harrisburg Railways Company since the Stough evangelistic campaign was closed in December. While the company never sanctioned such actions on the part of their men, by their own confessions they indulged occasionally.

FARR-PALMER FIGHT ENDS

Washington, Feb. 19.—The lashings of last night's wordy gale in the House when Representative Farr called Representative Palmer a lobbyist and Representative Palmer called Representative Farr a tadpole statesman subsided today when Representative Farr told the House he had no intention of reflecting on the honor or integrity of his colleague. Mr. Palmer did not want to continue the discussion and the most bitter personal row the House had seen in the present session was ended.

HUNGRY, ALL BUT FROZEN, DOG INVADERS SANCTUM OF MAYOR

Spends Pleasant Night on Royal's Couch; Gets Big Breakfast; Then Kicked Out by Cruel Bluecoat

Half frozen and almost starved, a little fox terrier wandered into the police station last night and went to bed on the couch in Mayor John K. Royal's private office. When the Mayor reached his office this morning he found the tramp dog cuddled up on a cushion.

RESUME WORK ON BIG STEEL ORDER

Will Mean Increased Operations in Several Departments of Steelton Plant

The Pennsylvania Steel Company today resumed work on an order for 16,000 tons of steel for a railroad bridge across the Mississippi river at Memphis, Tenn.

"I Never Had a Chance," Weeps Shoplifter as She Shoots Self in Court

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Frances Chandler, accused of shoplifting, pleaded guilty and then shot herself in court today while uttering the words: "I never had a chance."

RUSSIANS TO NUMBER OF 150,000 ARE OUT OF ACTION

Berlin, Feb. 19, by wireless to Saville.—Further reports concerning the German victory of the Masurian lakes in East Prussia, make it apparent that the Russian defeat was a severe one.

Germany's Reply to U. S. Has Not Been Delivered to Washington Officials

Washington, Feb. 19.—The official text of Germany's reply to the United States note warning against damage to American ships in the naval war zone about the British Isles had not been received at the State Department today; in fact there were no advices from Ambassador Gerard that it had been delivered to him by the Berlin Foreign Office, although officials know from other advices that the German note has been delivered to the American ambassador and is, in fact, now on its way to America.

Gen. Obregon Threatens to Take Over All Corn Mills

Mexico City, Feb. 19.—A decree issued last night by General Obregon calls upon all dealers in foodstuffs and grain to deliver ten per cent. of their stocks to the military authorities within 48 hours. The decree states that confiscation is necessary because of high prices.

2 MASKED BANDITS GET EMPTY SAFE ON TRAIN NEAR CAPITAL

Robbers Roll "Booty" From Express Car Outside of Washington After Gagging Messenger

POSSES ARE NOW ON TRAIL

Men Make Their Escape When Florida Train Slows Up For Bridge

Washington, Feb. 19.—Police and deputy sheriffs were scouring the Virginia hills for two masked robbers who raided the express car of the Sea Board Air Line's Florida flyer just after it passed Alexandria, Va., last night, but got only an empty safe for their task.

DYNAMITER CAUGHT AFTER LONG CHASE

David Caplan, Last of Men Wanted For Times Destruction, Found Near Seattle

LIVING ON CHICKEN RANCH

Tells Detectives He Is Glad It's Over; Readily Admits Identity

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 19.—David Caplan, last of the men wanted at Los Angeles, Cal., in connection with the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building in the Fall of 1914, was arrested last night on his chicken ranch, two miles inland from Rolling Bay, Bainbridge Island, twelve miles from Seattle.

TOO MANY WOMEN IN 'SIDE ROOMS'

Traveling Salesman by Letter Urges Judge to Bar Them From Saloons

The old, true story of the "man who came back" after tragic years of a drunkard's life, of the wife who went into the saloon to rescue her drunken husband, of the traveling salesman who feared possible effects on their business by the saloon woman's violations of the liquor law, of the "friend" of the drinking man who wouldn't convince that friend of the Vice-president, J. V. W. Reynolds, took personal charge of the negotiations for securing a release of the big job, it is known, that the project has been straightened out is due to his personal efforts, is believed in Steelton.

THINK SKELETON WAS ORIGINALLY IN WELL

District Attorney Stroup Says Solution of Mystery Is Thousand to One Shot

"A thousand-to-one shot that the mystery will never be solved" is the way District Attorney Michael E. Stroup sizes up the murder mystery on the Hill.

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Norristown, Pa., Feb. 19.—Mrs. Charles Johnson, wife of the State Insurance Commissioner, died at her home here today from pneumonia. She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Mrs. Stanley Drake.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

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FRENCH STEAMER TORPEDOED; WAR UNDER SEA BEGINS

Germany Is Making Every Effort to Carry Out Threat to Sink Allies' Ships in War Zone Around British Isles; Austrian Forces Continue to Advance in Eastern Theater; Furious Fighting in Carpathians

Germany has struck the first blow since her war zone decree went into effect. A French steamer was torpedoed in the English channel by a German submarine. She was able to reach port although badly damaged.

Berlin newspapers, commenting on the German reply to the American note, reflect the feeling that there must be no departure from the position Germany has taken. The influential Zeiger says that "we Germans have resolved to fight without regard for the consequences."

The second of the British bi-weekly reports from the front speaks of severe fighting near Ypres, on the western end of the battle lines. German attacks gained possession of several German trenches, which, however, were won back subsequently.

The Austrian troops are reported to be continuing their victorious advance through Bukovina, rolling back the extreme eastern end of the Russian line. A London dispatch says that the Russians have now evacuated all of Bukovina. Official reports from Petrograd and Vienna speak of encounters of great severity in the Carpathians, but apparently no decision is near. In Northern Poland the Russians are making desperate efforts to stay the advance of the German army which drove them from East Prussia, and the fighting now in progress is reported by the Petrograd war office as "reaching the climax of stubbornness."

Substantial Gains Made The German war office in today's communication asserts that substantial progress has been made in the invasion of Northern Russia along the German border following the expulsion of the Russian army from East Prussia. The Germans are said to have captured Tauragon, in the province of Kovno, as well as several villages farther south. In Central Poland, along the Warsaw front, the situation is unchanged.

The attack of the allies in the West, supposedly to prevent the Germans from developing their offensive movement in Russia, has led to several engagements at several points in Belgium and France. The German war office admits that the French were temporarily successful in a battle near Verdun, but says that later they were driven back.

According to advices received today at the State Department in Washington, all travel between England and the continent has been suspended by the British admiralty until further notice.

RUSS EVACUATE BUKOWINA London, Feb. 19, 6:33 a. m.—The Russians have now evacuated all of Bukovina, according to a dispatch to the Times from Bucharest.

REPLY NOT RECEIVED The Hague, via London, Feb. 19, 8:30 a. m.—The critical situation brought about by the German naval demonstration which it was announced would begin yesterday, has greatly impressed governmental circles here. A reply to the Dutch protest against the proposed submarine blockade has not yet been received but is expected momentarily. Work was continued in all government offices until late last evening and several conferences were held between ministers.

ANOTHER ZEPPELIN DESTROYED Copenhagen, Feb. 19, via London, Feb. 19, 3:49 a. m.—Confirmation has been received here that a second German airship has been wrecked off the coast of Jutland. The Zeppelin L-3 exploded on Fance Island Wednesday and another Zeppelin commanded by Captain Count Platen, sank to the shallow coastal water ten miles north of Esbjerg, Jutland, to-day. Four of the crew were drowned.

SIDNEY FRIEDMAN WINS CONTEST Sidney Friedman won the extra prize of \$5 in the Lambert oratorical prize essay contest for Senior boys at the Central High school this afternoon.

TANK STEAMER STRIKES MINE Liverpool, Feb. 19, via London 3:08 P. M.—The Norwegian tank steamship Belridge, which sailed from New Orleans, January 28, and Newport News, February 5, for Amsterdam struck a mine to-day off Dover. The vessel was only slightly damaged by the explosion and she probably will finish her voyage to the Dutch port.

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London, Feb. 19.—The London Times has achieved what is claimed here to be a record in the field of raising money for a popular cause. Its fund for sick and wounded to-day passed \$5,000,000.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 19.—Captain P. H. Uberoth, of the coast guard cutter Seminole reports by wireless he is standing by the schooner Phineas W. Sprague of Thomaston, Me., with crew of seven, bound from Mobile to New York and a leak off Cape Lookout.

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