



AGED MAN BURNED TO DEATH AS HIS HOME BURNS DOWN

LIVED ALONE IN THE HOUSE

Blain, Pa., March 22.—Perry county officials this afternoon are engaged in an investigation to learn whether Clifton L. Bixler, aged 69, who resided on a farm eight miles from here, died his home early this morning and then committed suicide; whether he was murdered and the house fired by his assailants; or whether the building was burned accidentally and the old man lost his life while asleep.

When they saw the smoke and flames at 5 o'clock this morning they hurried to the scene but could not find Bixler. They then searched the house and in the cellar discovered some charred bones and burned flesh.

Mystery Shrouds Death

The district attorney at New Bloomfield was notified early this afternoon and he, together with his county officers, are now making an investigation.

The death of Bixler is shrouded in mystery for persons who know him say that he had no reasons for taking his life. He was in Blain Saturday afternoon and appeared to be in the best of health.

U. S. Does Comparatively Little Export Business

Washington, March 22.—The United States does comparatively little re-export business compared to the other great commercial nations—Great Britain, Germany and France.

For many years the total of foreign merchandise brought into the United States and sold again to foreign buyers has ranged between \$35,000,000 and \$43,000,000 annually in value.

Great Britain's re-export business during the last calendar year totalled \$465,000,000 against \$42,000,000 handled through the United States in the same period.

The great difference in re-exportation business is due in part to the colonial possessions of the European countries whose business is handled through the parent country.

WOMEN PLAN MEETING

New York, March 22.—Representatives of women's organizations in 21 States will attend a meeting of the advisory council of the congressional union for woman suffrage here March 21. A business meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, a member of the executive committee.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Cloudy and unsettled to-night and Tuesday, with probably light snow to-night but much change in temperature.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Cloudy and unsettled tonight and Tuesday, with probably snow in north and west portions; partly cloudy in southeast portion.

River Light snow is falling this morning over the river district at several stations. There has been a slight rise at a few stations. A stage of about 4.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg on Tuesday morning.

General Conditions Cloudy and unsettled conditions are prevailing over the entire eastern, middle and northwestern portions of the country. Light to moderate snow is falling this morning at scattered stations in Pennsylvania.

Temperature: 5 a. m., 36. Sun: Rises, 6:07 a. m.; sets, 6:18 p. m. Moon: Full moon, March 31, 12:38 a. m. Water Stage: 4.5 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 45. Lowest temperature, 32. Mean temperature, 38. Normal temperature, 40.

1,500 MEN ENDORSE LOCAL OPTION BILL

Commend Action of Governor and Pledge Him Their Support at Mass Meetings

FRAME UP RESOLUTIONS

Speakers in Three Churches Yesterday Afternoon Bitterly Denounce Liquor Traffic

One thousand and five hundred men took part in big local option demonstrations yesterday afternoon in Augsburg Lutheran, Fourth Reformed and Grace Methodist Churches.

Short addresses were made at all of the meetings, after which resolutions calling on representatives of the city to give Harrisburg voters the power to decide whether or not they want saloons were passed unanimously.

The Rev. William N. Yates, pastor of the Fourth Street Church of God, spoke at the meeting in Augsburg Lutheran, the Rev. A. M. Stamets, pastor of the Sixth Street United Brethren Church, conducted the devotional exercises.

On a Plane With Counterfeiting Professor F. F. Holsoppe addressed the meeting in the Grace Methodist Church at which more than 300 men were present.

Delegations from men's Bible classes, Sunday school workers, church members, and voters who want the local option bill passed, were present and voted in favor of the resolution asking representatives to endorse the bill.

Question of Self Government "It's not a question of whisky or no whisky," the Rev. Dr. Yates said, "but a question of the right of self-government. The taxpayers and the people have the right to say for them-

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NEW DORMITORY IS PLANNED BY ACADEMY

Rapidly Increasing Enrollment Makes Another Building Imperative

Plans for a new dormitory to accommodate at least fifty boys, have been started by the board of trustees of the Harrisburg Academy, according to Headmaster A. E. Brown, who is in charge of the school.

At present there are 142 boys in the school. Within the past two years the enrollment has increased 30 per cent, making it necessary to provide more room for the accommodation of students, who come from other parts of the country.

The plans are being made by Philadelphia architects and will be submitted to the board of trustees this week, it was said. Whether or not the additional building will be erected, however, is not certain.

The material to be used in construction and the dimensions of the proposed building are not definitely known but the building will be completely equipped for comfort and will be modern in every respect.

Winter Was Unusually Wet; 31 Inches of Snow

"After a rainy winter follows a beautiful Spring," runs an old proverb, but the weather man will not give any authority for it. He does say, however, that the winter, which officially closed yesterday, had been an exceptionally wet one, and comparatively mild in temperature.

From November to the present time sixteen inches of rain have fallen, which is six inches above normal. Total snow fall was thirty-one inches; last year it was forty-two. It has been an "open winter" with no severe storms or cold waves of unusual severity.

The only period that completely remained on the ground for any length of time was from December 13 to January 6.

The lowest temperature was 1 degree above zero on December 27. November was unusually mild, with an average of 5 degrees higher than the average for twenty-seven years; December was 2 degrees above average; January, 3 1/2 degrees, and February 5 degrees above average, one of the warmest winter months on record.

600 Guests Invited to Masonic Anniversary

One of the largest Masonic affairs of the year will take place Monday night, March 22, when Robert Burns Lodge, No. 487, will celebrate its forty-fifth anniversary with a banquet in the hall on the top floor of the Masonic Temple, Third and State streets.

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn Calls "Billy" Sunday a Tool



ELIZABETH G. FLYNN

Paterson, N. J., March 22.—Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, of the I. W. W., is here denouncing "Billy" Sunday who will start an evangelist revival meeting next week in Paterson. She calls him "a tool of the manufacturers who tries to make men think of their spiritual welfare, thereby taking their minds off their worldly condition."

CHAMBERSBURG MAN DIES IN BOSPHORUS

Lieutenant Commander Bricker and Three Sailors Drowned in Heavy Sea

Constantinople, via Berlin and London, March 22, 10:24 A. M.—Lieutenant Commander William E. Bricker, of the United States converted yacht Scorpion and three sailors named Ford, Dowel and Laverings, were drowned on the night of March 20 while attempting to reach their vessel with a rowboat.

The rowboat was swamped in a heavy sea thrown up by a south gale. Lieutenant Herbert S. Babbitt and one sailor, who were in the boat, were saved.

Lieutenant Commander Bricker arrived at Constantinople only on March 16 to succeed Lieutenant Commander Edward McCauley, Jr., in command of the Scorpion.

The Scorpion is a converted yacht purchased for the navy in 1896. It has a displacement of 850 tons and has been stationed at Constantinople for some time.

Lieutenant Commander Bricker, who formerly was naval attaché at the American embassy at Paris left the city on January 28 for Constantinople to assume command of the Scorpion. He was born January 18, 1879, in Pennsylvania, and appointed

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Gasoline Yacht, Owned by Millionaire, Destroyed Off California Coast

Los Angeles, Cal., March 22.—The gasoline yacht La Sota, with the millionaire owner, Morgan Adams, his bride of a month, and ten friends aboard, last night, burned to the water, all night, six miles off San Pedro. The party took to the lifeboats and were picked up within an hour by a motorboat from Catalina.

Back-firing of the engine caused the blaze. The fire spread rapidly, despite a hard fight made by the men aboard to save the craft.

When it was seen that there was no chance to check the flames, the women were put over the side into the two tenders. The men in the party and the crew followed them into the boats with as much luggage as they could rescue from the cabins. They they rowed away and watched the yacht burn to the water's edge.

Pastor B. H. Hart May Be District Superintendent

Shamokin, Pa., March 22.—It was gossiped about the Methodist conference this afternoon that the Rev. B. H. Hart, pastor of Fifth Street Church, Harrisburg, for the past fourteen years, will be made district superintendent of the Harrisburg district and that District Superintendent B. H. Mosser, of the Juniata district, would be appointed to Fifth Street Church as pastor. This would necessitate the resignation of Superintendent A. S. Pasick to the Williamsport district and Superintendent E. M. Stevens to the Juniata district. The report could not be confirmed, as the appointment committee was not nearly ready to report.

WOULD GIVE MORE POWER TO LAYMEN

Charles H. Hoffman, of This City, Advocates Many Reforms Before M. E. Conference

CHURCH SHOULD ADVERTISE

Asserts Layman and Minister Should Assume Same Rights of Debate and Voting

Special to The Telegraph Shamokin, Pa., March 22.—At a meeting of the Laymen's Association of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church on Saturday, Charles H. Hoffman, president of the association, made some stirring remarks on the duty of the laity to assume greater burdens in the church.

He referred to the fact that the layman does, of course, hold the power of the purse, but unless he wishes to always leave the power of legislation and of control to the ministry, the layman must assume new rights, new duties, new powers. The place of the layman is at the main conference, layman and minister assuming the same rights of debate and voting," Mr. Hoffman said.

"It is a case now of a senate real power and a very much lower house of suggestion, despite the fact that the layman must assume the financial responsibilities of the church."

"These new ideas on the part of the laymen of the Methodist church are growing to large proportions," continued Mr. Hoffman. "Laymen believe that their rights to take part in the administration of church affairs should not be questioned and that they should have some part in the selection of ministers, believing that the young man should be given a chance to show his ability regardless of the fact that he may have been in the ministry but a few years, and that he should not be required to take a hearing as a desirable appointment, in order that some other minister might be taken care of and who would not be as acceptable to the church as the younger man."

Mr. Hoffman also pointed out the advertising feature of the church, de-

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CITY STARTS WORK WITH GRAND RUSH

100 Men Given Employment on Paving, Sewer and Park Jobs

City improvements started with a rush to-day in spite of the inclement weather. Contractor William H. Opperman placed a force of thirty men at work on the new sanitary sewer in South Second street and Market Square. This work must be completed within sixty days.

Contractor J. A. McKelvey with his forces broke ground for the new golf house and lockers at Reservoir Park, and William H. Murphy & Son began the construction of the bridge in Cameron Park and also resumed work on the entrance to Reservoir Park at Twenty-first street. Improvements are being laid out at the Friendship enginehouse.

One hundred men will have employment for some time on city jobs. The new sewer will be placed at a depth of 22 feet starting at Chestnut street. The contract calls for a sewer on both sides of Market Square, running northward to Strawberry street. In Market Square the new sewer will run to within 100 feet of Front street. This work will be under the direction of Commissioner William H. Lynch.

Park Improvements Commissioner of Parks M. Harvey Taylor will direct the work in the parks. The new entrance to Reservoir Park includes the widening of the street and some grading and may be completed within three weeks. The

Centennial Celebration at Allegheny College

Meadville, Pa., March 22.—Educational leaders from all parts of the country will gather at the centennial celebration of Allegheny College here in June to discuss college matters among which will be a plan for the standardization of courses of study. The program for the conference will be devoted to the ideals and achievements of the American college, what enters into its curriculum, its place in education and its role for tomorrow. The program for the conference will begin June 22. Among the speakers will be the Rev. Dr. William H. Crawford, president of Allegheny college; Abraham W. Harris, president of Northwestern University; Dean Charles H. Haskins, of Harvard University; Provost Edgar S. Smith, of Pennsylvania University; John H. Emsley, former president of the college of the City of New York; W. H. Paunce, president of Brown University; P. P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education; Charles F. Thwing, president of Western Reserve University; Prof. Alexander Melkjohn, president of Amherst college and Henry C. King, president of Oberlin College.

Serbia Is in Urgent Need of Assistance

An appeal for relief for Serbia has just been sent to the people of America by Demetrius, archbishop of Belgrade and president of the principal committee in aid of soldiers and families and other sufferers from the war.

Among the local contributions already sent for Serbia's aid, was \$500 by the Serbian church of St. Nicholas at Steelton. The Serbian relief fund of America of which Bishop Darlington is chairman, has also sent two and three thousand dollars. The Home and War Relief of Harrisburg has sent a number of boxes of supplies.

The suffering in the little country is said to be intense. Typhoid fever has broken out among the armies and among the 100,000 Austrian prisoners, and has killed sixty-five of the doctors, who were fighting the disease.

RUSS FORCES TAKE PRZEMYSL

Fall Is Most Important Development in Great War For Many Days; Austrians Are Now in Possession of Only One Important Fortified City; Bad Weather Delays, Temporarily, Attack on Dardanelles

Garrison at Beginning of Struggle Numbered Between 60,000 and 80,000 Men, but This Number Was Greatly Reduced by Death; Many Prisoners Fall Into the Hands of Besiegers When Fortress Is Surrendered

The most important development of the day in the European war was the official announcement from Petrograd of the surrender of the Galician fortress of Przemyśl which had been besieged by the Russians for several months.

Simultaneous offensive movements against the German, Austrian and Turkish armies from the Baltic to the Black Sea have been undertaken by the armies of Russia, and in some sections definite progress is reported. In the extreme north the Germans are retreating from Memel, East Prussia, and the Russians are believed to have begun another drive at Tilsit.

In Poland there is activity all along the front, but apparently the general battle which Petrograd expects has not begun.

The Russian army in the Caucasus has announced a victory over the Turks in the fighting along the Black Sea coast in Turkish Armenia. After several months of inactivity, hostilities have been resumed between Austria and her small neighbors, Serbia and Montenegro. A dispatch from Cetinje states that the Austrians made an artillery attack last night on the western front, but that efforts to follow this with infantry advances were defeated. An artillery battle between Austrians and Serbians also is reported. "These signs of increasing activity have no parallel on the western front, where no large movements are under way."

The attacks on the Dardanelles also has been stopped temporarily, owing to bad weather.

TURK OFFENSIVE HALTED Petrograd, March 21, via London, March 22, 2:44 A. M.—An official communication from headquarters of the army of the Caucasus says: "We have repulsed attempts of the Turks to take the offensive in the coast region. In the district of Tchorok, after an engagement, the Turks were driven her last important fortress in Gallicia toward Artvin."

RUSSAINS LOSE MEMEL The siege of Przemyśl came to an end to-day and the Austrian defenders of the Galician fortress surrendered to the Russian forces which have been investing it for months. The fall of Przemyśl deprives Austria of her last important fortress in Gallicia toward Artvin."

WASHINGTON WILL NOT CALL SESSION Washington, March 22.—Formal announcement was made at the White House to-day that President Wilson has no intention of calling an extra session of the Senate or of Congress. It was said that the President sees no prospects of any contingency arising which would cause him to alter his present intention.

LONDON HEARS OF FALL London, March 22, 1:25 P. M.—The British official press bureau this afternoon issued the following statement: "Information has been received that the fortress of Przemyśl has fallen and that the garrison has surrendered to Russian arms."

WILSON WRITES TO LITTLE BELGIANS Washington, March 22.—An exchange of letters between President Wilson and two little Belgians in Brussels, in which the children thanked the President for food sent by their gratitude, was made known to-day at the White House.

HELD UNDER RECENT ORDER Washington, March 22.—The Hamburg American liner Oderwald, stopped from leaving San Juan, Porto Rico, yesterday by shots across her bow, is being held under the recent congressional resolution empowering the President to prevent supplies going from American ports to ships of the European belligerents at sea.

SIX FIREMEN BADLY HURT Washington, March 22.—Six firemen were badly injured to-day when a Mortar ladder truck turned over in a collision with a motor car on Pennsylvania avenue, near the Capitol.

BIDS WILL BE OPENED APRIL 7 Harrisburg—Bids for the construction of the municipal repair plant on South Ninth street, will be opened April 7.

RAILWAY FREIGHT TRAFFIC STOPPED London, March 22, 5:50 P. M.—The Central News States that the Italian government to-day stopped all railway freight traffic with Germany by way of Switzerland.

WARRIAGE LICENSES Jacob McCorkel and Mary Snavely, Hockersville, Leroy Higgle, Middletown, and Anna M. Alteman, Highspire, William R. Martin and Esther M. Hockley, G. P. William V. Tomlinson and Maude G. Yoh, Chambersburg, Morris B. Strohm and Emma J. Mcgonnell, Pictetown.