

Fight Promoters Are Rapidly Completing Arrangements For Championship Fight

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GOVERNOR EXPECTS BIG DEMONSTRATION

Leaves For Philadelphia, Declaring He's Satisfied With the Present Situation

PROMINENT MEN SPEAKERS

96,000 Methodists and Leading Businessmen Aiding the Fight

Governor Brumbaugh left today for Philadelphia declaring that he was entirely satisfied with the local option situation and pleased with the support that is being given to him from all parts of the State. He expects a great demonstration here Tuesday when many residents of Dauphin, Perry and Cumberland counties taking part.

Among the speakers at the monster local option demonstration to be held in Chestnut Street Hall Tuesday will be Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh, Alva B. Johnson, president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia; Congressman E. H. Miller, of Mercer; William McCoach, city treasurer of Philadelphia; W. W. Follansbee, of Pittsburgh; Dr. C. C. Ellis, of Juniata College; Huntington, ex-Congressman Andrew R. Brodbeck, of Hanover; County Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil, of Pittsburgh; ex-Congressman W. D. B. Aney, of Montrose; E. Z. Wallower, of Harrisburg, and ex-Congressman Charles E. Patton, of Curwensville.

This is only a partial list of the speakers. Many more are expected to respond to the invitations of the committee of arrangements. A final meeting will be held in the Commonwealth Hotel parlors Monday evening. The Philadelphia delegation special train will be met Monday morning at 11.30 o'clock by a band at Union Station.

Hundreds of encouraging letters are being received by the committee and cards and posters are being distributed in every county in the state as part of the plan of working up public interest in the question of local option and the passage of favorable laws.

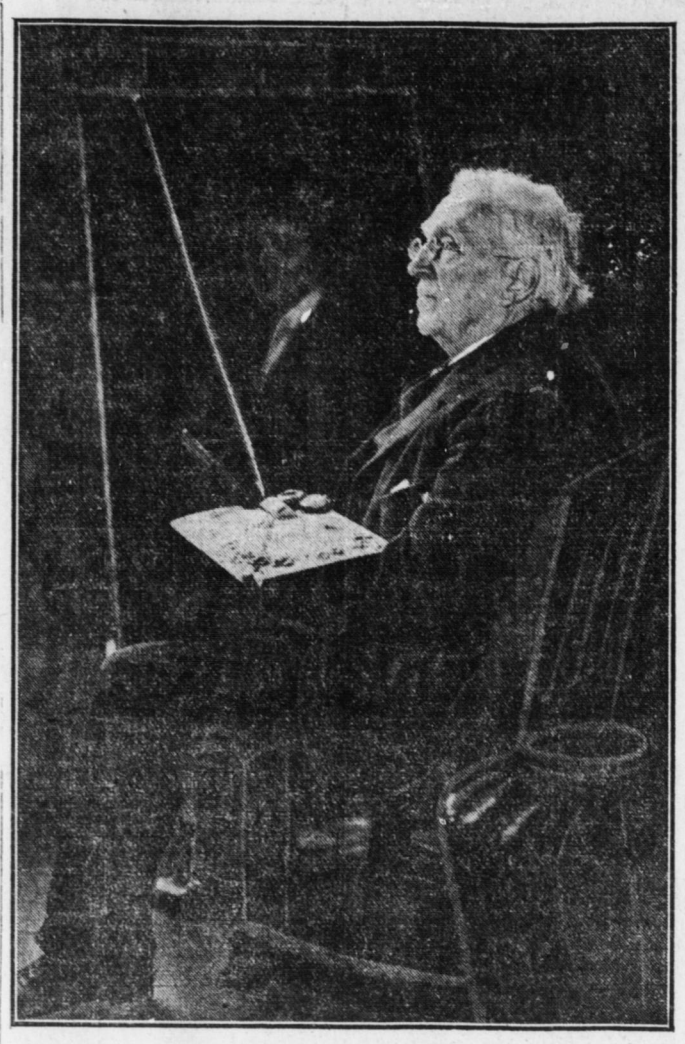
Governor Brumbaugh has been particularly struck by the action of religious bodies and when he received the petition signed by 96,000 members of the Central Pennsylvania Methodist Conference late yesterday afternoon he expressed great pleasure. Every day churches and religious bodies are pouring in letters and telegrams endorsing his stand and telling him that he will be remembered in their prayers.

Among the telegrams received by the Governor was this one: "Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh, Harrisburg, Pa. In behalf of 113 women members of W. C. T. U. of Fayette county, I and they who consider the oppression of the State as practised in the courts of Fayette county when you make appointment of an associate judge for office now vacant. (Signed) MRS. KATE BITENOUR, Business Men Avoid Fight

One hundred businessmen including some of the most prominent men in Philadelphia have signed a statement calling for the passage of the county local option bill, and advocating the calling of a special session of the Legislature if the present session does not pass such a bill.

A committee of businessmen has been formed to assist the Governor. At a preliminary meeting at the Governor's office, the committee drafted a statement expressing what is believed to be the opinion of businessmen of the community. An executive committee consisting of Alva B. Johnson, Louis J. Kolt, James Thomas Dodge, Daniel R. Greenwood, James Raeburn White, Samuel S. Hester, Albert M. Turner, obtained the signatures of others who have decided to identify themselves with the movement, and has volunteered to assist in bearing the expenses of the State campaign.

NOTED ARTIST PASSES HIS 84th MILESTONE



J. AUGUSTUS BECK Noted artist of this city who is to-day celebrating his eighty-fourth birthday anniversary. Hundreds of his friends honored the aged artist with many a little token of remembrance.

J. AUGUSTUS BECK 84 YEARS OLD TODAY

Has Done Many Famous Pieces; Remembered by Friends From All Over Country

J. Augustus Beck, artist, is celebrating his eighty-fourth birthday today. Mr. Beck is a citizen of whose name the city may be proud. Born at Lititz in 1831, the son of Professor John Beck, he was educated at the Lititz Academy of which his father was principal. He showed a decided taste for sculpture in early youth and went to Italy to perfect himself in the art, studying under Crawford. One of his famous pieces is the slab presented to the Washington Monument Association in Washington.

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APRIL 1 BIG DAY REALTY CIRCLES

Transactions Settled For Cash in Recorder's Office Alone Total Nearly \$85,000

88 INSTRUMENTS WERE FILED

Record 12 Below Number Entered on Same Day a Year Ago; Most Changes in County

While April 1, 1915, was a mighty busy day for the clerical force in the county recorder's office, yesterday just twelve less deeds, mortgages and other instruments were handled than on the first day of April of 1914.

All told, eighty-eight were filed yesterday, as against a round hundred that marked the record for the first of April last year. The property transfers alone in which the money was paid over yesterday amounted to just \$82,764. In addition to these there were many in which "one dollar and other considerations" was the price mentioned.

"We were just about twelve behind last year's record so far as we have been able to determine thus far," said Deputy Recorder Nissley Mummia in speaking of yesterday's business. "On

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JOHNSON IS CAUSING HIS BACKERS ANXIETY

He Wants to Fight Sam McVey Saturday Despite Their Opposition

DISTRIBUTORS KEPT BUSY

Arrangements Are Rapidly Being Completed For Championship Battle

Havana, April 2.—Discussion today between the fight promoters regarding Jack Johnson's proposed exhibition bout with Sam McVey led to some sharp exchanges.

This bout is advertised to take place in the stadium on Saturday. Jack Curley, Harry Frazee, and others are urging Johnson to cancel it for fear of injury to himself 48 hours before he is scheduled to go into the ring and battle with Jess Willard for the world's heavyweight championship.

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ALLIES' AVIATORS DROP BOMBS ON TWO GERMAN CITIES; SUBMARINES BUSY

Turkey Denies She Is Planning to Conclude Peace With Russia; Fighting in Carpathians Is Unusually Bitter; Russ Announce Substantial Gains; Considerable Damage Done in Mullheim by Allies' Armies

Raids by two aviators of the allies in the German province of Baden inflicted damage in the cities of Mulheim and Neuenburg. The destruction of property in Mullheim is described in a London dispatch as considerable, although only slight damage was done in Neuenburg.

A decided extension in the range of operations of German submarines is indicated by a Lisbon dispatch to the effect that the U-28 has been operating off the coast of Spain. The British steamer South Point, which went down off Cape Finisterre, is said to have been torpedoed by the U-28. It is more than 700 miles from Cape Finisterre to the nearest German submarine base. The cape is about 500 miles north of Gibraltar.

The suggestion that Turkey was on the point of suing for a separate peace with Russia is repudiated by both the Turkish and Russian ambassadors at Rome. The former is quoted by a Rome newspaper as saying there was no reason why Turkey should seek peace, in view of what is described as the excellent military position of his country. The Russian ambassador is said to have declared his government never would conclude a peace separately from Great Britain and France.

The fighting in the Carpathians is described in Berlin dispatches as unusually bitter. The Russians, pushing their way through deep snow, are persisting in their efforts to dislodge the Austrians from the passes and heights, but are said to have accomplished little in the way of definite successes. The Russian war office, however, states that substantial results have been achieved. In the campaign in Northern Poland an important victory is claimed over the Germans, who are said to have retreated hastily in one section of the front west of the Niemen river.

to-day by temperance reformers in Glasgow, and there is some justification for it in the news from that city, which has an unenviable record for drunkenness, that shipyard workers are refusing to enter public houses, that little or no liquor was called for today in restaurants and clubs, and that teamsters were crowded to capacity.

Profusion of Bright Flowers Lends Festive Easter Air to Streets

Easter flowers are more plentiful than ever on account of an excellent early season. Hundreds of thousands of bulbs of tulips, hyacinths and other bulb plants that are grown in Holland were sent to this country instead of to England, because of the war.

Local florists report their wares in better shape than most years. They call for all kinds of Easter blooms as heavy and there is a special demand for the combination baskets of blooming and foliage plants, which sell all the way from \$2 to \$20.

Single hyacinth bulbs, tulips and daffodils, average 25 cents each, and the potted plants up to \$1.25. Easter lilies range from 75c to \$5 a plant; lilac bushes \$3 to \$5; azaleas \$1.50 singly, and from \$12 to \$15 for a full plant. Cut flowers, sweetpeas, violets, roses and other winter hothouse varieties are selling at the average prices.

Flowers being displayed at the florist stores and at the hothouses are beautiful and lavish in variety and quantity, and Easter Sunday will doubtless be one of the most showy in recent years. Easter coming one week earlier this year than last, the supply of the early flowers is better, and the blooms in a more natural state.

Say King's Action Has Solved Liquor Question

M. Harvey Taylor, president of the Harrisburg Band Concert Association, has called a business meeting for tonight at police headquarters to consider the plan for raising funds for concerts in the parks, this summer.

London, April 2.—"The King's action has solved the liquor question as with a stroke of the pen," says a newspaper. This striking declaration was made

TO PLAN CONCERTS

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GOVERNOR TO TALK TO TELEPHONE MEN

150 Pretty Girls Will Attend "Operators' School" at Y. W. C. A. Building

Announcement was made this morning that Governor Brumbaugh will address the convention of the Eastern Pennsylvania Telephone Association of Pennsylvania to be held in this city April 7 and 8.

One of the big features of the convention will be a "School for Operators" to be conducted in the Young Women's Christian Association building, Fourth and Walnut streets.

About 150 chief operators from the independent exchanges in this district

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PURE SPRING WATER BUBBLES UP AT FOURTH AND MARKET STREETS

Digging Artesian Well Right Under Curb in City's Main Thoroughfare For Metropolitan Hotel's Uses

An artesian well digger in the busiest part of Market street is such a strange attraction that every passer-by stops to look and incidentally get splashed with muddy water from the engine. For five days a gang of professional well diggers with a steam driven drill belonging to Kohl Brothers, of 411 Market street, have been at work on the pavement in front of the Metropolitan Hotel sinking an artesian well to provide a private water supply for the hotel.

The drill has already sunk about 100 feet and a flow of 20 gallons a minute is running. A depth of 150 feet is expected to provide a sufficient quantity. The hole is encased with a section of eight-inch pipe about 12 feet down, below which it

passes through hard rock which needs no casing.

The management of the Metropolitan Hotel is having the well drilled to furnish a private supply for general purposes and also for drinking if it stands the test of purity. Many artesian wells drilled in this neighborhood 200 or 400 feet deep, but the flow of water at the comparatively small depth of 100 feet leads to the belief that 150 feet at the Metropolitan Hotel will be sufficient.

The last artesian well to be drilled in the center of the city was one in the rear yard of Commonwealth Hotel about twenty years ago. One was drilled last spring on North Fourth street at the rear of the Fink Brewery.

NO INCENDIARY DEVICE FOUND ON LA TOURNAIE

Warwick, R. I., April 2.—Fire last night on the Warwick Neck estate of former United States Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, burned his stables and garage. The loss is estimated at \$300,000.

By Associated Press

Experts chemists who are investigating the causes of the fire aboard the steamer La Touraine, now express the belief that it was not the result of an explosion but originated in three large cases of textiles which were stored in the baggage hold.

The investigation has disclosed the experts assert, that the flames could not have been caused by spontaneous combustion and from this they conclude that the contents of the boxes must have been set on fire. They have found no traces of an incendiary device.

SEIZE PARCEL POST PACKAGES

Toulon, April 2, 12.30.—An Allied cruiser during the past week seized more than 2,500 parcel post packages from Germany aboard various ships.

By Associated Press

CAPTAIN DELANEY SERIOUSLY ILL

Harrisburg—It was reported late this afternoon that Captain John C. Delaney, former State Factory Inspector, is seriously ill at his home in Chevy Chase, Washington.

Herman P. Miller, Senate librarian, a close friend of Captain Delaney, has gone to his bedside.

INCREASE CAPITAL TO \$500,000

Harrisburg—The Capital City Baking Company, which was chartered a few weeks ago with a capital of \$5,000, today filed papers at the State Department increasing it to \$500,000. Incorporators are: Bernard Schmidt, John E. Fox and A. G. Eden.

ORDERS DOCTOR'S PROSECUTION

State Commissioner of Health Samuel G. Dixon to-day directed the prosecution of Dr. L. V. Villochic, of Easton, on the allegation that he had violated the quarantine laws of the State in sending a child named Mary Pistonese, ill with scarlet fever, from Martin's Creek, Northampton county, to Philadelphia, for treatment.

Washington, April 2.—Business conditions throughout the country show a steady improvement, according to reports made by Secretary Redfield at to-day's cabinet meeting. The secretary presented extracts from various reports reflecting better conditions in many lines.

New Castle, Eng., April 2, 2.58 P. M.—Three Tyne trawlers, the Gloxiana, Jason and Nellie, were sunk by the German submarine U-10 yesterday. After all the members of the crews were safely in small boats the Germans blew up the trawlers.

Lewistown, Pa., April 2.—Fred C. Shatzer, of Lewistown, who was among those injured in the explosion of the paint tank at the Standard Steel Works, yesterday, died in the Lewistown hospital late last night, making four dead. A. A. Shatzer died on his way to the hospital. J. K. Gibboney, another one of the injured, is in a critical condition.

Washington, April 2.—"Black" smallpox in Vera Cruz was reported to-day in official dispatches. The State Department's summary said: "The number of cases of smallpox of the black confluent type is on the increase throughout the city."

DAVIS, OF LANCASTER, IS NAMED COLLECTOR

President Wilson Makes Another Recess Appointment; Place Wanted For Van Dyke

Washington, April 2.—President Wilson to-day gave a recess appointment to Benjamin F. Davis as collector of internal revenue, ninth district of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Davis lives at Lancaster and was chairman of the Lancaster county Democratic committee and of the committee which "reorganized" the Democratic party by putting in a new set of bosses in 1911. He is known as the stormy petrel of Lancaster politics.

Just before congress adjourned Mr. Davis was picked by the bosses, although many Democrats wanted Warren VanDyke, now of this city, secretary of the State committee, for the place as a mark of appreciation of his work. Davis was not confirmed and this appointment is a recess selection.

Davis is well known in this city where he has figured in Democratic gatherings.

CHIEF ENGINEER OF P. & R. CO. IS DEAD

Stroke of Paralysis Sustained Wednesday Night Fatal to William Hunter

Philadelphia, April 2.—William Hunter, chief engineer of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company, died in a hospital here to-day from a stroke of paralysis sustained Wednesday night. He was 60 years of age and had been in the service of the Reading for many years.

The Reading's chief engineer was stricken as he was waiting for a train in the terminal here to take him home. Mr. Hunter was born May 25, 1854, at Moslem, Berks county. He was graduated from the Polytechnic College of Pennsylvania in 1872 and entered the service of the Philadelphia and Reading as roadman, serving until 1876. Then he left the employ of the road and went into business for himself.

A year later he re-entered the railroad business, serving from 1877 to 1878 as division engineer of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad. In 1878 he returned to the Philadelphia and Reading Railway. He was first assistant engineer, then assistant roadmaster, and on August 9, 1909, was made chief engineer. He has a wife, two sons, Fletcher and Nicholas, and a daughter, Lillian.

TO CONFER ON PLAN TO CLOSE GAP IN WALL

Commissioner Lynch Says Question of Substitute Location For Wharf Will Be Considered

Before introducing in Council the legislation necessary to provide for the closing of the gap in the river front wall and the elimination of the coal wharf at Market street City Commissioner W. H. Lynch, superintendent of streets and public improvements, will confer with his fellow-commissioners on the suitability of substitute landing points.

In the meantime no definite action on the plan submitted to the Board of Public Works last evening will be taken.

"Ninety-nine per cent. of the people one meets unquestionably favor the closing of the gap in the wall at Market street and going away with the coal landing," said Commissioner Lynch this morning. "The press of the city seem to be advocating it and

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WORK ON ALL ROADS WILL START MONDAY

Governor Brumbaugh Telegrams Deputy Commissioner Hunter to Marshal His Forces

Governor Brumbaugh to-day directed that work be started on the repair of the State highways on Monday.

A telegram was sent to Joseph W. Hunter, first deputy highway commissioner, who is in charge of the department pending the appointment of a Highway Commissioner to succeed E. M. Bigelow, directing him to begin work.

The telegram is as follows: "Joseph W. Hunter, Jenkintown, Pa.: Want you on Monday to begin work on state highways. The plans being all made, will you quickly get the force on the roads? See me soon."

M. G. BRUMBAUGH.

The plans for the repair work on the routes of the state have been

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SCARLET FEVER PATIENT CREATES STIR IN CITY

Philadelphia, April 2.—Intent on reaching the Philadelphia Municipal Hospital where they hope to save their child's life, Broger Pestomac and his wife brought their scarlet fever afflicted six-month-old son from their home near Easton, Pa., to this city today.

The plight of the family was discovered by a policeman at a railroad station and they were sent to the hospital.

The Philadelphia health authorities are incensed because an Easton physician is said to have directed the parents to come to this city for treatment. The father showed a letter said to have been signed by Dr. L. J. Vieri, of Easton, advising them to seek treatment at the municipal hospital. The Pestomacs live at Martin's Creek, a small settlement, near Easton.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Water Boyer and Ida Fleischite, Reading. Harry E. Rupp and Rineva B. McManamy, city.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and to-morrow; light change in temperature; lowest temperature to-night about freezing.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Saturday; not much change in temperature; light to moderate variable winds.

River

The Susquehanna river and all its branches will continue to fall slowly to-night and Saturday. A stage of about 4.2 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Saturday morning.

General Conditions

A disturbance that has appeared over the Florida peninsula has caused rain generally in the Gulf and South Atlantic States. Fair weather has prevailed over the remainder of the eastern half of the country, except in the Lake region, where snow flurries have occurred. Pressure has increased over the Middle Atlantic and New England States, and continues high over the rest of the country. A disturbance off the Northern Pacific coast has caused rain in Washington, Oregon and Montana, and light precipitation, mostly snow, has occurred in Colorado, South Dakota and Western Missouri. Temperature changes have been mostly slight, with a general rising tendency. The most decided temperature changes note, 8 to 12 degrees, occurred in Nevada, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota and Northern Florida.

Temperature, 5 a. m., 36. Sun: Blue, 5:15 a. m.; sets, 6:24 p. m. Moon: Rises, 9:58 p. m. River: Stage, 4.4 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather

Highest temperature, 45. Lowest temperature, 35. Mean temperature, 40. Normal temperature, 44.

HOLD CHAUFFEUR WHO HIT MISS GAITHER

Charged with running down Miss Jessie Gaither with an automobile, and seriously injuring her more than two months ago, Henry Green, a chauffeur, was fined \$25 and later held under \$500 bail for court by Mayor Royal. It was testified that Green, after striking the woman speeded away.

CORINTH LOSSES PROPELLER

New York, April 2.—The steamer Corinth arrived here to-day from Hull in ballast after a long and stormy passage during which she lost her propeller and drifted helplessly for four days.

CRUSHED BETWEEN TRUCKS

Wesley Diehl, of Paxtang, was caught this morning between two trucks belonging to the Keystone Stone Company, sustaining a compound fracture of the right ankle. He was admitted to the Harrisburg hospital.

TIN PLATE MILLS ACTIVE

Pittsburgh, April 2.—Business is reviving in the sheet and tin plate mills throughout the country, according to John Williams, president of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers.

CHARLEY FLECK IS ILL

Charles T. Fleck, desk officer at the police station, is confined at his home, 122 Verbeke street, with an attack of la grippe. Officer Schellhas is taking his place.