



WILL INVESTIGATE HARDCOAL PRICES

Revenue Raising Conference Ends in Decision to Have Legislature Probe Charges

RESOLUTIONS GO IN SOON

Legislature Is Facing Necessity of Raising \$5,000,000 Additional Taxation

Legislative investigation of the allegations that anthracite coal producers and retailers have been making extortionate charges for coal under the guise of the State anthracite tax was determined today at a conference between Governor Brumbaugh, members of the Republican platform committee of the two Houses and the chairman of the appropriations committee on the State revenue situation.

The conference determined not to push the bills providing for a one mill tax on the capital invested in manufacturing and laundering in Pennsylvania and the four mill tax on bonds and other evidences of debt at their source and the suggested one mill tax on realty for road purposes.

It was decided to press the anthracite coal tax, which is estimated to raise \$2,000,000 for the State on a basis of 60 per cent. to be retained by the Commonwealth and forty per cent. to be returned to the districts producing the coal. The other 40 per cent. of the anthracite is sold outside of Pennsylvania the major portion of this tax will be borne by people in other States.

House May Be Ready to Adjourn on May 6, Speaker Ambler Says

Speaker Ambler today expressed the opinion that the House will adjourn on May 6 in sight. The question of determining upon what date will be considered today. The House has gone on record in favor of May 6, but some of the members are inclined to the view that it will be May 13.

Col. Hutchison Undergoes Very Delicate Operation

Colonel Joseph B. Hutchison underwent an operation late this afternoon at the hospital at Fountain Springs, Schuylkill county, for a small growth in the neck. It was performed by Dr. Jonathan H. Bidde, the widely known National Guard surgeon. Dr. J. Markwood Peters, of Steelton, who is on the Eighth Regiment staff of Colonel Hutchison, assisted.

FLAGS AT HALF-MAST

Flags on the federal buildings throughout the country were placed at half-mast today in honor of the death of President Lincoln.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature. Highs: 62 to 64; lows: 42 to 44.

FILES OF '65 TELL OF LINCOLN'S DEATH

Great Celebration Planned by City Postponed When News Is Learned

EXCITEMENT IS INTENSE

Whole Nation Aroused; Flags at Half-mast; Attempt on Seward's Life

April 15, 1865, had been named in this city as the day for one of the biggest demonstrations ever held, in celebration of the recent Union victories in the War of the Rebellion.

At 7.30 o'clock on that morning it was announced that President Lincoln had died from a bullet wound inflicted by John Wilkes Booth, the night before while the President was sitting in his box in Ford's Theater.

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12 MASKED MEN ROB N. Y. CENTRAL TRAIN

Bolted Silks Valued at \$50,000 Carried Away in Automobile Trucks

ENGINEER MAKES ESCAPE

Daring Hold-up Occurred at Sanborn, Fifteen Miles From Buffalo

Buffalo, N. Y., April 15.—A dozen bandits held up a New York Central fast freight train at Sanborn, nine miles east of North Tonawanda, early today, stripped several cars of bolted silk valued at \$50,000 and sped away in a motor car.

A posse of detectives, mounted police and patrolmen from this city, Niagara Falls and North Tonawanda were at the scene after the holdup but up to a late hour this forenoon no arrests had been made.

SURVEY OF HOUSING CONDITIONS STARTS

Experts Will Make Reports of Their Investigations at Big Public Meeting

Inquiries into housing conditions in Harrisburg were inaugurated today. John Ihlder, New York, field secretary of the National Housing Association, in charge of the survey in Harrisburg, is under the direction of committees representing the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce, Civic club and Associated Charities.

New Highway Head May Arrive Here Late Today

Robert J. Cunningham, the new State highway commissioner, may be here late today to arrange to take hold of his office.

HOSPITAL TRAINS FOR GERMANS

Frankfort on Main, via London, April 15.—Three hospital trains, consisting of an automobile with two trailers, have been presented to the military commander here as a gift from friends of Germany in the United States.

PRETTY DAUGHTERS OF THE EARTH AND SUN ENTICED BY APRIL WEATHER



The fields and meadows around the city are bright with Spring flowers—and children.

PROPOSES REVISION OF CONSTITUTION

Stern Puts in Bill to Create Commission With Convention Before 1917

Creation of a commission on constitutional revision is proposed by a bill introduced into the House last night by Mr. Stern, Philadelphia. The commission is to be composed of the Attorney General, who shall be ex officio chairman, six citizens, to be appointed by the Governor, two to be named by the President pro tem. of the Senate and two to be named by the Speaker.

DANGEROUS SPY ARRESTED Paris, April 15, 5.20 A. M.—An inviolable Belgian grenadier giving the name of Pierre Haeyens has been arrested by the police of Paris on charge of revealing the uniform of the French army and a French military medal without authority.

TAFT ARRIVES FOR 15-HOUR STAY HERE

Whirled in Auto to Harrisburg Academy; Addresses Legislature; Lecture Tonight

William Howard Taft, former president of the United States, arrived in the city from New York this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock for a fifteen hour stay, during which he will deliver a public lecture, address the Legislature and be the guest of Governor Brumbaugh at dinner to be attended by men prominent in State government.

Local Option Bill on Second Reading Monday; House Votes Tuesday

The House of Representatives today formally provided for consideration of the local option bill next week. The bill, which passed first reading last night, will be taken up on second reading for Monday at 9 p. m. and on third reading for Wednesday at 11 a. m.

CAPT. DELANEY DIES AT AGE OF 66 YEARS

Former State Factory Inspector Took Secret of Capitol Graft With Him to the Grave

Following a prolonged illness, Captain John C. Delaney, former State factory inspector of Pennsylvania, died last night at his home, Chevy Chase, Washington, D. C., aged 66 years.

GOVERNOR WITHDRAWS PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Gives No Explanation; His Letter Is Referred to the Senate Committee

Governor Brumbaugh today gave the Legislature the surprise of its biennial session. He withdrew all nominations of Public Service Commissioners made by Governor Tener. He gave no explanation and efforts to get any statement from him or at his office were fruitless.

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ELECT OFFICERS Members of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church met last night and elected the following officers: G. A. Martz, elder; W. H. Runk, trustee; A. E. Burkholder, J. J. Griffie, A. Householder, G. T. Mauk, deacons.

DECIDE TO CONTINUE STEPS AT MARKET ST.

Board of Public Works and Commissioner Lynch Agree Upon Plan For Closing Gap

POPULAR MOVE, SAYS LYNCH

Appearance of Remainder of Finished Water Front Has Enlisted People in Movement

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RUSSIANS' ATTEMPT TO INVADE HUNGARY FAILS; RUMANIA TO ENTER WAR

Operations Along Western Front Are Almost at a Standstill; Dispatches From Petrograd Say Russ Have Advanced at All Points Except Uzok Pass; Signs of Increasing Activity Noted in Belgium

Failure of the Russian attempt to invade Hungary was announced today by the German war office. The statement is made that the effort of the Russian army from Przemysl to force the Lupkow and East Dukla passes was not successful and that its attacks at several points along this front resulted in defeat with heavy losses.

Although official reports from Petrograd concede no such reverses they indicate the Russian advance has been brought virtually to a halt. The Russian war office says "slight progress" was made near Uzok pass and a counter attack at Kozlowa by the Austro-German forces failed.

Operations along the western front once more are nearly at a standstill. The vigorous counter offensive of the Germans in the Meuse-Moselle district apparently has checked the French initiative. Signs of increasing activity in Belgium and northern France which in conjunction with the Meuse-Moselle battle were regarded as a possiblerelude to the long discussed general offensive are not longer apparent.

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been seized by German warships and taken into Cuxhaven. It was announced in the House of Commons today that the British casualties from the beginning of the war to April 11 amounted to 139,347 men.

Rumor Says Germany Is After Bethlehem Steel

Easton, April 15.—German capital is reaching across the seas and influencing the stock market in Bethlehem Steel, according to inside information that the owners of the plant and Wall Street are said to possess. This is given as another reason for the wide fluctuations which have characterized the Schwab stock.

LARGEST AQUEDUCT IN WORLD IS NOW IN SERVICE IN ITALY

Rome, Italy, April 15.—Water from the Apennines was distributed yesterday for the first time to the province of Bari, Foggia and Lecce through the Apulia aqueduct, the largest in the world, which was begun in 1905. More than two million persons now are assured of a supply fresh from mountain streams, brought through 1,375 miles of pipe. The territory has suffered for centuries from lack of an adequate supply.

CHEAPER COAL FOR NAVY

Washington, April 15.—Secretary Daniels and other navy department officials are manifesting keen interest over prospects of obtaining cheaper coal for the navy now that the route of the Alaskan railway has definitely been decided upon.

Harrisburg—With a gunshot wound through the mouth, the body of John Mayer, aged 35, 5814 Pomberton street, Philadelphia, was found in a clump of bushes in Wildwood Park, this afternoon by four railroaders employed at the Division street transfer yards, who were searching for Spring flowers. The man, according to Coroner Eckinger, had been dead for three days. A sawed off shotgun was found lying across the man's body. Death must have been instantaneous as the entire back of his head was blown out. Mayer was fairly well dressed but evidently had been out of work. No money was found on the body. The gruesome find was made by Claude Miller, Harvey Murray, George Harvey and Howard Zeigler.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Governor Brumbaugh this afternoon signed the bill requiring election boards to post the returns of primary elections.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Governor Brumbaugh this afternoon declined to comment on his letter recalling Governor Tener's public service appointments. As to the legality of his action he said: "That is a matter for the Attorney General."

BRUMBAUGH AND TAFT MEET FOR FIRST TIME

Harrisburg—"We've met before haven't we, Governor Brumbaugh?" said ex-President Taft when he arrived in the city this afternoon. "No, we haven't," smiled the Governor, "but we're both teachers, and that ought to be a bond."

Taft told the boys at the Harrisburg Academy that students who go on strikes ought to be taken home and spanked by their parents.

DELANEY FUNERAL SATURDAY

Harrisburg — Funeral services for Captain John C. Delaney will be held in Arlington on Saturday morning.

OBREGON ARMY SURROUNDED

El Paso, Tex., April 15. — Official reports that the Obregon army at Celaya was being surrounded by Villa and Zapata troops were confirmed today by private advices from the south.

New York, April 15. — John Bunny, comedian of the screen, was thought to be at death's door today of complication of kidney and heart ailments.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Michael Hummer and Eva Ritter, city. Anthony Malesich and Johanna Krusevec, Steelton. Robert M. Sutton and Helen Arnold, city. Dr. Frank L. Sheak, city, and Evelyn N. Aldinger, Hanlyza. Merle White Allen and Elizabeth P. Stewart, city. Walter Edward Brown, city, and Mary Beatrice Dull, New Cumberland.