



CITY IMPROVEMENT CELEBRATION TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER

C. Floyd Hopkins Employed by Chamber of Commerce to Manage Fete; May Be Week's Event; Committees to Be Named; to Start Elaborate Preparations Shortly

Harrisburg "Municipal Improvement celebration" will be held during the week of September 20. Plans for the event will be formulated by C. Floyd Hopkins, manager for the W. H. Vincent theaters in Harrisburg.

CITY FRONT STEPS COMPLETED AT NOON

Foreman Williams' Concreters Place Last Block of Walk at Market Street Gap

EXCAVATING FOR THE PLAZA Future Plans for Continuance of Improvement Work to Be Threshed Out Tomorrow

With the exception of the closing of the gap at Market street and that stretch at the pumping station that can't be put down until the plaza wall is erected, the river front walk, the front steps of the plaza, were completed a few minutes before noon today.

Excavations for the grading on the embankment back of the water house are well under way and in a few days it is expected that the carpenters can build the forms for the concrete wall that is to support the proposed plaza.

What future plan will be followed relative to the continuance of the public improvement work, Tuesday the decision of the board of arbitration of the river interceptor controversy will be decided upon at to-morrow afternoon's meeting of the Board of Public Works.

That the question growing out of the award to William H. Opperman, contractor, of nearly \$23,000 against the city is not settled yet by any means so far as the city is concerned was indicated to-day by a municipal official, who grimly remarked in answer to a question:

8 MEMBERS OF CREW DEAD Ottawa, Ont., May 19.—Eight of the 14 members of the crew of the small government steamer Christine were drowned when that steamer was rammed and sunk by an unnamed vessel off the island of Orleans last night.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Generally fair to-night; Thursday unsettled, probably showers; continued cool.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy to-night; frost or partial shower; Thursday unsettled, probably showers; moderate northwest to northeast winds.

River The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will fall slowly or remain about stationary. A stage of about 3.6 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Thursday morning.

General Conditions The southwest disturbance in connection with the strong, high pressure are to the northeastward, has caused snow and rain over about half the territory west of the Mississippi river in the last twenty-four hours, the snowfall being confined mainly to the Rocky mountains and the western portion of the Plains states, where it was heavy in places.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 55. Lowest temperature, 45. Mean temperature, 44. Normal temperature, 62.

DEFEAT OF RUSSIANS HAS BECOME SERIOUS

British Correspondents at Petrograd Admit Retreat on 200-mile Front

VICTORY IS FARREACHING Statement Is Made That Situation Seems Like Collapse of Russian Arms

Information from various sources indicates that the defeat of the Russians has reached serious proportions. British correspondents at Petrograd, who heretofore have been willing to concede little to the Austrians and Germans, admit that the Russians have been forced to retreat along a 200-mile line, and in one case it is said the situation on its face seems something like a collapse of the Russian forces.

ARTILLERYMEN SHOW TRAVELING WIRELESS Uncle Sam's Field Gunners Talk to Arlington While Camping Here

Visitors to the camp of the Second battalion of the Third field artillery of the United States army at Wormleysburg yesterday afternoon witnessed for the first time the operation of a traveling army wireless station.

OLD COUNCILMEN FOR "GREATER" CITY Municipal Fathers of Days Gone by Sound "Onward" Keynote

Strong boosts for a "Greater Harrisburg" were a feature of the first annual banquet of the Harrisburg Councilmanic Association held last night at Chestnut street hall.

NO PUBLIC SERVICE NOMINATIONS TODAY Names of Harrisburgers Among Those Sent to Senate by Governor Brumbaugh

Governor Brumbaugh said early this afternoon that he would not send the nominations of the Public Service Commissioners to the Senate today. The Governor declined to make any statements about the appointments.

CORN LINE IN VERA CRUZ Galveston, Texas, May 19.—Evidence of distressing economic conditions throughout Mexico is beginning to show in Vera Cruz within sight of General Carranza's headquarters, according to passengers arriving here from Vera Cruz.

SPROU'S ROAD LOAN Resolution Is Passed by House and Senate

The resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to permit the State to issue \$50,000,000 bonds for improvement of highways was passed in the House to-day by a vote of 150 to 24. It has already passed the Senate.

Patriotic Americans to Hold '16 Convention Here Delegates attending the sessions of the State Camp of Patriotic Order of Americans at Berwick, selected Harrisburg for next year's convention.

GENERAL HUBBARD DIES New York, May 19.—General Thomas H. Hubbard, a prominent attorney and director in many railroads and financial institutions and a veteran of the Civil War, died here to-day.

CAN HILLIS WAKE UP STEELTON? QUESTION OF HOUR IN MILL TOWN



Few Trailhitters Thus Far, but Indications Point to Successful Wind-up of Campaign

"What will Hillis do in Steelton?" With one-third of the six weeks' evangelistic campaign at the tabernacle, Second street and Buser's Run, already completed, people are beginning to ask this question.

GOOD ROADS DAY TO BE A BUSY ONE Two Hundred Men Will Be Employed and All Motorists Invited to Co-operate

"Your time or your money" is the appeal that is being made by the Motor Club of Harrisburg to every motor car owner in this vicinity in order to make Good Roads Day a success.

COMPENSATION LAWS ARE NOW ASSURED Bills Pass Senate as Desired by Governor; Brown Expresses Pleasure

The Senate to-day passed finally the workmen's compensation bills. The seven measures were adopted by a vote of 48 to 0, every member present in the Senate being recorded in favor of the bills.

URGENT GOVERNOR TO VETO CREW REPEALER At Public Hearing Trainers Argue Law Now in Force Is Good One

Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh this afternoon gave a hearing to trainmen who seek a veto of the full crew repealer. The trainmen's side was presented by sixteen speakers.

GERMANY WANTS U. S. TO INFLUENCE GREAT BRITAIN Berlin, May 19.—The Vossische Zeitung says: "If America succeeds in bringing it about that the British merchant vessels shall no longer sail under false flags, that England shall cease arming merchant vessels and that contraband cargoes shall no longer be protected by American passengers, then the United States will find Germany on her side in an endeavor to lead submarine war into more humane channels."

TOO HIGHLY SEASONED FOOD LEADS TO DRINK Rupture in British Cabinet No Surprise

Domestic Science Lecturer Claims Poor Nourishment Creates Alcoholic Taste Mrs. Kate B. Vaughn, domestic science lecturer from Nashville, Tenn., who is to address the women of Harrisburg in Fahnstock Hall, Y. M. C. A. Building, next week, is not in the slightest degree a militant, masculine type of woman but is distinctly womanly and is highly cultured.

Resignation of First Sea Lord Fisher Is First Step in Sweeping Reorganization London, May 19.—The resignation of the veteran sailor Lord Fisher from the post of first sea lord of the admiralty because he and his nominal civilian superior, Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, have been unable to work together, is probably the first step toward a sweeping reorganization of the British government.

FREE CASE IN PRIZE COURT Washington, May 19.—Germany has sent to a prize court the case of the American sailing ship William P. Frye, sunk in the South Atlantic last January by the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, but it is understood that the German Admiralty took that action before it had received the American note insisting that the damages be adjusted directly through diplomatic negotiations in Washington.

DR. HIBBEN URGES WISE PREPAREDNESS OF MILITARY FORCES

Princeton President Wants U. S. to Be Ready to Offset Initial Sacrifice of Lives

Not a Question of Mere Academic Interest, He Tells the Delegates

Mohank Lake, N. Y., May 19.—Dr. John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton University, stirred the Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration to-day by taking issue with pacifists who favor disarmament and by advocating "a wise preparedness of our military forces in the United States."

MONTHS ADDED TO WAR London, May 19.—"As the result of the latest German tactics," says a dispatch to the Mail, from Petrograd, "all that had been accomplished by the Russians in the Carpathians has been undone and months have been added to the duration of the war."

ASK GOVERNOR TO PREACH BACCALAUREATE Harrisburg.—The class of 1915 of the Central High school to-day decided to invite Governor Brumbaugh to preach the baccalaureate sermon to the class.

WASHINGTON, MAY 19.—Official information was received here to-day that Germany's reply to the American note will not be completed for at least a week and probably not reach Washington for at least ten days.

NEW YORK, MAY 19.—J. Edward Addicks, former financier and once a political power in Delaware, was sent to Ludlow street jail to-day in default of a payment of \$15,472, due on a judgment in supplementary proceedings instituted by Hiram M. Burton, the creditor.

WASHINGTON, MAY 19.—It is regarded here as assured that if Italy and Austria declare a state of war, it will be extended also as between Italy and Germany and Turkey. In that event, the Rome government wishes the American ambassadors at Berlin and Constantinople to take over its diplomatic interests.

KANSAS CITY, MO., MAY 19.—Snow reaching a depth of three inches fell in Northwestern Kansas to-day. Heavy rains ranging to 4.14 inches at Wichita fell over other parts of the state and northern Oklahoma. Streams in this section are rising rapidly, but no danger from floods is anticipated.

WASHINGTON, MAY 19.—Concluding arguments on the motion of counsel for the government to dismiss the temporary injunction secured by the Riggs National Bank against Secretary McAdoo, Comptroller of the Currency Williams, and Treasurer Burke, were begun to-day.

QUEBEC, MAY 19.—The little government steamer Christine, which was sunk with a loss of eight lives in a collision last night, was rammed by a Canadian submarine.

MARRIAGE LICENSES William H. Kline, WilliamSPORT, and Margaret D. Krohnb, Lykens. William L. Ulrich and Margaret E. Vanetta, Halifax. Harry Shearer, New Germantown, and Bertha Shields, Blaine.