

CITY'S "FRONT STEPS" RIVAL "THE BALCONY OF EUROPE" AT DRESDEN; ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENTS IN FIFTEEN YEAR PROGRAM

COMPARE "FRONT STEPS" TO GREAT DRESDEN TERRACE

Natural Beauty of Susquehanna Basin and River Wall Rivals "Balcony of Europe"

ON HARRISBURG SHORES

Why City Spent So Many Thousands to Improve Its Embankments

"So, this is the 'balcony of Europe', eh?"

Strolling along the great promenade of the Bruhl Terrace that has helped make Dresden famous, the tourist from a far country somehow didn't seem nearly so properly impressed as he should have been.

Pausing to admire the group of statues at the four corners of the great steps, the tourist recalled the conception of Morning, Noon, Evening and Night, the stranger offered his best of praise.

On Europe's Balcony "Bruhl Terrace" ventured the host enthusiastically, "is called 'Europe's balcony' because it attracts so many thousands of visitors."

The Tourist Tells a Story "In 1910 the people of the city provided the funds for the third public improvement loan called for an expenditure of \$216,000 for the construction of an interceptor sewer and the drainage system along the Susquehanna."

For years the shallows, especially at the mouths of the sewer outlets, were just the best gathering and family resting places in the world for mosquitoes.

The Interceptor as planned and completed emptied into the river at Iron alley. At this point, however, another big interceptor that was constructed with the ultimate idea of concentrating all of Harrisburg's sewage for disposal down the river.

Some means for protecting the big sewer was absolutely necessary. Ripping at exposed points was suggested, but was dismissed as impracticable.

Dresden Gets a Rival So the plan for constructing a wall of concrete in the form of a three-foot wide, eight or ten steps to the water's edge, was adopted a little less than three years ago.

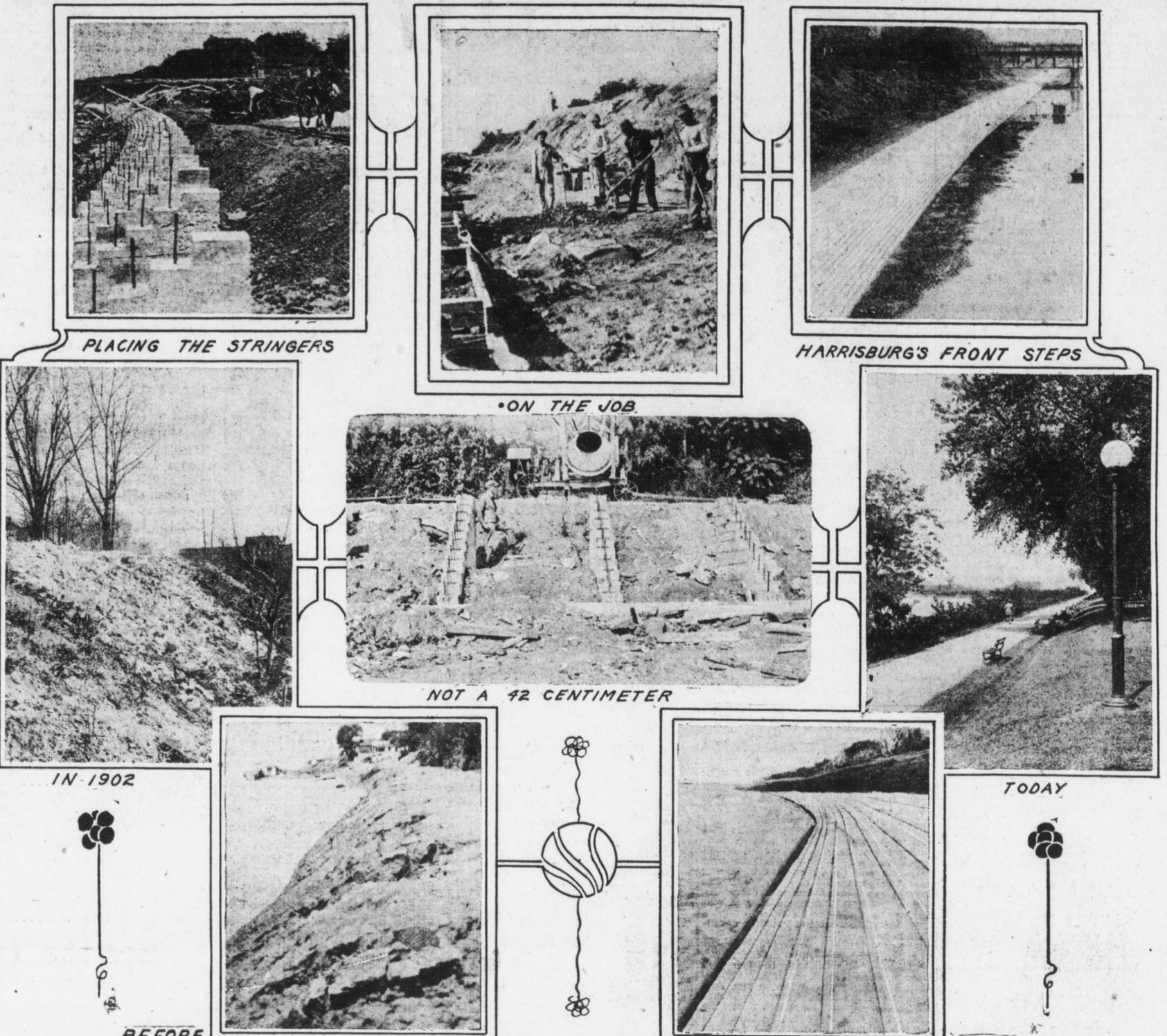
Work was pushed vigorously under the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Works by Joel D. Justin as principal engineer in charge.

During the last two years City Commissioner W. H. Lynch has had departmental supervision of the work. The Lights Along the Wall And the wall, even up to the pretty standard electric lights, will be practically complete for the celebration.

Not the least important factor of the improvement is the splendid concrete balustraded plaza in the rear of the pumping station and topping the wall at a height of some sixteen feet.

The whole wall and steps were built of steel reinforced concrete. The system of construction is more or less new to Harrisburg.

SCENES IN THE BUILDING OF THE GREAT "FRONT STEPS OF HARRISBURG," DRESDEN'S RIVAL



Unique among the splendid civic improvements of cities of the world are the "front steps of Harrisburg." Finishing touches are now being added to the three-mile length of concrete walk and steps, constructed with both an aesthetic as well as material purpose in mind.

Official Program For Celebration Announced

The official program as announced is as follows: 7:40 p. m.—Public educational meeting at Technical high school, at which a program will be rendered showing the advancement in school work.

2 p. m.—Opening of water carnival. The water carnival consists of an afternoon program of water sports from 6 to 8 o'clock, an exhibition of decorated floats by the city departments and the merchants between 10 a. m. and 10 p. m. and an evening program comprising an illuminated, decorated boat parade and display of fireworks.

2 p. m.—Playground field and track meet on Sycamore playground. This meet, in which athletes from the various playgrounds will compete, will be in progress when the automobile tour of inspection reaches Sycamore playground.

3:30 p. m.—Half-mile canoe race, 4:00 p. m.—Fishing contest, 4:30 p. m.—Exhibition of rowing shells by the Fairmount Rowing Association of Philadelphia.

8 p. m.—Reception at Chestnut Street Hall, given by the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce to their guests of the afternoon, 8 to 8:30 the committee will receive.

Changes in Program of Playground Track Meet

Several changes have been made in the program for the seventh annual track and field meet of the city playgrounds in connection with the municipal celebration this week.

Instead of sending out entry blanks, the athletes will report to Sycamore playground, where the entrants will be weighed and registered from 1 to 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

John Harris Ferry in River Park

This tablet will be erected by the Pennsylvania Historical Commission, Dr. George P. Donohoo, a member of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission, will make the dedication address precisely at 1 o'clock.

2 p. m.—Presentation of the Chamber of Commerce to the city of a monument commemorating the successful campaign of city improvement. This marker will occupy a spot in River Park just north of Market street, where the presentation will take place.

2:15 p. m.—100-yard swim, open to residents of Dauphin county, 2:40 p. m.—100-yard swim, open to amateurs under 16 years, 2:30 p. m.—Day fireworks, 2:35 p. m.—100-yard tub race, 2:40 p. m.—100-yard umbrella race, 2:50 p. m.—Two-mile handicapped motorboat race.

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Parade of Red Men from Market and Fourth Streets

The parade of Red Men from Market and Fourth streets, Fourth to Sixth, to Front, Front to Harris Park, to Front, Front to Harris Park, to Front, Front to Harris Park.

7:00 p. m.—John Harris present in Harris Park. Local and visiting tribes of Red Men will reenact the scenes of the attempted burning of the city's founder by drunken Indians and his rescue by friendly Indians.

will begin at the conclusion of the parade and will last about an hour and a half.

Prizes valued at \$250 will be given the contestants in the afternoon water sports and evening boat parade. Silver cups will be given to the visiting sculling crews.

1:00 p. m.—Exhibition run of Harrisburg's fire apparatus, showing improvement in modern fire-fighting machinery of motor-driven type over the apparatus of fifteen years ago.

2:00 p. m.—Parade of Companies D and I of the National Guard of Pennsylvania from armory down Second to North, to Fourth, to State, where they will be joined by the Governor's Troop, to Market and out Market street to Reservoir Park.

2:30 p. m.—Military maneuvers at Reservoir Park, in which the three local companies of the National Guard of Pennsylvania—Companies D and I and the Governor's Troop—will work out a problem according to modern military rules.

The Governor's Troop will be stationed in Reservoir Park in imaginary trenches. The spectator will assume that the troop has preceded its brigade, which spent the night previous in camp at Jonestown.

PASSES SUPREME BAR EXAMS

Walter R. Sohn has been advised that he has successfully passed the final examination for admission to the bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Mr. Sohn is a son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Sohn of 1419 North Front street.

BIG GUN FOR CELEBRATION San Francisco, Sept. 20.—Construction of a cannon 150 feet long and six feet in diameter was begun to-day at the Panama-Pacific Exposition under the supervision of the United States Steel Bureau of Mines.

A. Carson Stamm on City's Improvements

A. Carson Stamm, one of the original workers in the improvement campaign and a prominent lawyer, has written the following article for the Telegraph on the municipal improvement:

The City of Harrisburg is at the end of a notable era in its history. In fifteen years its people have expended over \$5,000,000 in extraordinary public improvements, in addition to meeting all the expenses incident to the administration of the City Government.

Over \$200,000 has been expended to purify the water. About \$400,000 has been expended in the construction of bridges to make access from one portion of the city to another convenient and safe.

8:00 p. m.—Mardi Gras, with dancing in Market street between River avenue and Front street and with fanatics and theatricals in Market Square facing Market street west.

11:30 p. m.—"Good-night." Vote for David Hoffman, of Dauphin, Pa., for Director of the Poor.—Adv.

GET THREE WOMEN AND FOUR KEGS IN A RAID

Three women, four kegs of beer and five men were taken by the police yesterday in a raid on the alleged disorderly house of Samuel Helman, of 1404 Vernon street.

There is no time like the present to do a thing that ought to be done. If any one has dyspepsia, to-day is the best time to begin curing it by going to H. C. Kennedy or any leading druggist in this vicinity and buying a box of Mi-o-na on this water back guarantee.—Advertisement.

EDUCATIONAL MEETING STARTS CELEBRATION

will give a chronological review of the work of the schools on the last fifteen years. The combined orchestras of Tech and Central High will open the educational session with a brief concert.

In charge of other departments of the exhibit will be Katherine McNiff, ancient languages; Mary H. Hogan, drawing; and Frances Hamilton, domestic science.

Henderson Gilbert, president of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce said to-day regarding the plans for the big demonstration: "All that is remaining to be done is to carry out the program mapped out."

Decorators Busy

Throughout the city to-day decorators were busy. Indications point to an elaborate display by businessmen, citizens and on office buildings.

Light Across the River

The Valley Traction Company sent word to the general committee to-day that a chain of arc lights would be erected on Fort Washington and kept burning every night, starting with Thursday.

Water Sport Plans

He is anxious that all names be in early in order to place them on the official program. He also gave notice to-day that all motorboat owners must report to Charles A. Dintaman, at the Dintaman boathouse, in order to receive proper handicaps for their boats.