



11,000 SCHOOL CHILDREN MARCH IN HONOR OF CITY IMPROVEMENTS; GREAT THROUNGS GATHER ON RIVER FRONT TO SEE WATER CARNIVAL

11,000 CHILDREN PARADE IN GREAT DEMONSTRATION

Cooking, Tubercular and Technical School Exhibits Show Progress of Recent Years

THOUSANDS LINE CURBS

Beautiful Spectacle Took Grown-Ups Back to the Days of the Three R's

Governor Praises Parade

"Harrisburg is to be congratulated upon its school children. I was delighted with the parade of the young folks this morning. Your city is indeed rich to have so many and such bright youngsters. No one could see the parade and not feel the enthusiasm of the children. It was a splendid part of your celebration."

If, in all your grown-up life, you never before regretted that you are no longer a child in school, surely you must have felt that way to-day.

To-day was the day of the school children's parade, and nearly 11,000 of Harrisburg's future little men and women tramped along in the greatest spectacle of its kind that not only this city, but Central Pennsylvania, ever has seen.

When the big three-day municipal celebration becomes history, one special page in the annals will be devoted to the story of The Children's Parade. It ought to stand out by itself.

For more than an hour the small folks, from wee tots that just managed to step along to the older, more dignified seniors of the high schools, tramped down Front street, out Market to Fourth and countermarched in Market to Front and then up Front street again to dismiss.

For color, for real, live enthusiasm of the kind that knows no bounds, this morning's feature of the celebration alone made history. Every street was represented, practically all of them by full turnouts of its children.

Grown-Ups Out to See And Harrisburg testified to its appreciation by the way its grown-up citizens turned out to see. The biggest crowd that the streets have ever accommodated jostled—good-naturedly, of course—and pushed its way to vantage points all morning. Street and trolley traffic was at a standstill in all the streets that led into Market or Front streets. Automobiles were parked by the dozen in the side streets. Trolley schedules were forgotten; the crews went to see the parade. Teamsters and chauffeurs left wagons and cars, store clerks, the busy merchant or businessman, cheerfully dropped business and hurried out to Front or Market streets. For a

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FRENCH SOLDIERS GET 500 PER CENT. INCREASE

Paris, Sept. 24.—The army committee of the Chamber of Deputies has decided to recommend that the pay of French soldiers be increased from one cent to five cents a day from July 1, 1915. The change would mean an increased expenditure of about \$25,000,000 a year.

EARTH SHOCK CREATES STIR

Rome, Thursday, Sept. 23, 11:40 p. m., via Paris, Sept. 24, 11:50 a. m.—The earth shock which was felt to-night was more pronounced in other districts of Italy, but so far as has been reported no great damage was done. At Avezzano the earthquake caused the people to rush from the huts in which they have been living since the great disaster of last January, but as no buildings have been erected there since the city was destroyed, the damage was negligible.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK

London, Sept. 24, 11:26 a. m.—The British steamship Chancellor has been sunk. Part of her crew was saved. Search is being made for the others.

THE WEATHER

Harrisburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy to-night and Saturday. Somewhat cooler Saturday. Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy to-night and Saturday, lower temperature Saturday. Light to moderate variable winds. River The Susquehanna river and its principal branches will fall slowly or remain nearly stationary. A stage of about 4.0 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Saturday morning. Pressure has diminished south and east of the lake region and increased over the upper Mississippi valley and the northwestern portion of the Great Lakes. The pressure has decreased steadily west of the Rocky Mountains and a disturbance of considerable magnitude is central over southwestern Utah. Temperature: 8 a. m., 52. Sun: Rises, 5:53 a. m.; Sets, 6:01 p. m. Moon: Rises, 12:22 a. m. River Stage: 4.1 feet above low water mark. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 62. Lowest temperature, 48. Mean temperature, 54. Normal temperature, 63.

A FEW GLIMPSES AT THE GREAT PARADE OF SCHOOL CHILDREN



ALL HARRISBURG ON 'FRONT STEPS' TO SEE CARNIVAL

Shell Races Big Feature of Water Sports; River Basin Aglow With Color

FAST GIRL SWIMMERS

Througs Stand on Wall and Steps, Banks and Bridge

Celebration Program

To-day—6:30 P. M.—Parade of Red Men. 7 P. M.—John Harris Pageant in Harris Park. 8 P. M.—Illuminated boat parade. 9 P. M.—Fireworks until 10:30. To-morrow—1 P. M.—Exhibition run of fire apparatus. 2 P. M.—Parade of Companies D and I, Eighth Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania. 2:30 P. M.—Military maneuvers in Reservoir Park. 9 P. M.—Mardi Gras with dancing between River avenue and Front street. Fantasies and theatricals in Market Square. 11:30 P. M.—"Good-night."

Father Susquehanna came into his own this afternoon when water craft of various sizes, colors, descriptions, and kinds of motive power turned out for the big water carnival. One of the big features of Harrisburg's three-day Municipal Improvement Celebration—the river program—was the big water carnival on the River Front and the bridges. From shortly after the noon hour until the sun was well on its way toward the Cumberland county mountains, all roads led to the River Front. For the first time, Harrisburg folks had a chance to use the "front steps" in the way that they should and surely

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FORWARD! TO BIGGER BETTER THINGS GREAT RECEPTION KEYNOTE

Eyes of City's Progressive Leaders Focused on Bright Prospects of Greater Improvements Just Ahead; Watch Harrisburg Grow!

Forward the Watchword! That was the keynote of last night's great meeting at the Chestnut street auditorium when more than 1,000 men and women who had part in the development of Harrisburg in a public improvement way during the past 14 years, gathered together as guests of the Chamber of Commerce.

Almost all of the speakers took a backward glance at the things that were, but the eyes of all were focused on the bright prospect of the city beautiful just ahead and they united in declaring that what has been done is merely the stepping stone to bigger and better achievements. One of the most gratifying features of the addresses was the unstinted credit which each gave to the public spirit, the self-sacrifice and the far-sightedness of the citizenry at large who had authorized the improvements by their votes, who had borne the financial burden, who are now reaping their just reward, and who are looking forward ambitiously toward even more comprehensive plans for the future.

The Harrisburg Spirit It was a meeting distinctly encouraging in every respect. It reflected the Harrisburg spirit as it has never been displayed before. It demonstrated beyond question that when the public weal is at stake all personalities and political affiliations are laid aside and that the men and women of Harrisburg interests, of all creeds and all beliefs not only have faith in their city but are as one in joining words and forces toward the greatest good for the greatest number. It was a fiery cry from the wide sweep of the nearly fifteen years back, called at the request of the Telegraph to discuss ways and means of finding out just what the city most needed and to devise ways and means of financing the proposed enterprises. But it was a manifestation of the same spirit, only larger grown, fearless, confident and strong, preparing for future fight.

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Editorial

THE SCHOOL PAGEANT

If there had been nothing else in the great municipal celebration of this week, the pageantry of the schools this morning upon the streets of the city would have been sufficient. Not in all the history of education in Harrisburg has there been anything like it. Every official of the school district and every principal and all the teachers and the girls and the boys share in the city-wide praise which was heard on every side to-day. It was a glorious sight.

Not only the proud parents and friends of the marching hosts, but the thousands upon thousands who watched the procession joined in the applause that greeted school after school as the long parade wound up and down the route of procession.

It was a revelation of the school life of Harrisburg; an eye-opener for those who do not always realize what is being done for the rising generation. To-day all the people had an opportunity to see for themselves the citizens of a future day, who are living in new surroundings and a more wholesome atmosphere, and who will be as a result of these conditions still better citizens when they take their places in the full activities of their community.

Why not have an annual parade of the school girls and boys of Harrisburg? It would be an inspiration and the Telegraph would be delighted to offer one of the prizes each year to the school making the most creditable showing in such a tournament.

President Poyer and all associated with him in the preparations for to-day's celebration should sleep well to-night. They have done admirably.

Ballot Boxes Guarded by Deputy Sheriffs

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 24.—Deputy sheriffs and police to-day guarded the ballots cast in last Tuesday's primary election. Sheriff George W. Richards having been informed that efforts were being made to tamper with the boxes in no less than half a dozen precincts throughout the county.

Approximately 100,000 votes were cast in the primary and while many contests were close it developed to-day that only 96 votes separated David B. Johns and William B. Kirker, candidates for county prothonotary. The ballot boxes will be kept under police guard until the returning board, appointed to officially canvass the returns, decide whether a recount is necessary.

RIVER BASIN IS IN GALA ATTIRE FOR CARNIVAL

Gorgeously Decorated Floats Are Moved to Their Places Along Front Steps

STORES REPRESENTED

City's Crafts Show Wonderful Progress Made in Last Fifteen Years

The passing of the last small tot in the big parade of Harrisburg's school children was the signal that caused the thousands of spectators who had lined the way of the parade to break their thickly jammed ranks and surge towards River Front Park to review the decorated boat display.

Lining the grassy edges of the River Park slopes and promenading up and down the broad terrace that tops Harrisburg's "Front Steps" the eager thousands witnessed the finest spectacle that Harrisburg's river basin has ever presented.

As the thousands gazed at the gorgeously decorated floats that swayed gently on the glass-like surface of the Susquehanna they were given some idea of what the future holds for this city along the lines of aquatic sports. Nowhere, as the thousands gazed up and down the river, did their eyes fall upon the slimy pools of stagnant water, the rank, weed-covered garbage dumps, nor the rough, stubble-grown banks of the river's old brink.

The New River Instead they saw a long line of glistening concrete steps, leading from the water's edge up to a broad smooth granite wall that extends from one end of the city to the other. Back of this a finely-graded, grass and shrub-

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Merchant Night Draws Big Crowd of Celebrators

Thousands of merry, jostling promenaders; myriads of sparkling incandescent lights; streams of varicolored bulbs; glaring, scintillating signs; blazing store windows dressed out in their most gorgeous style—this, with a softly glowing, radiant orb of silver light high in the heavens, shining down as though in smiling approbation of a busy city's tribute to time and progress; this was "merchants' night" of Harrisburg's great municipal improvement celebration.

Filled with the spirit of the Mardi (Continued on Page 7) TO BOAT OWNERS Late this afternoon J. Raymond Hoffer, chairman of the water carnival committee, issued a call strongly urging every owner of a canoe or other boat in Harrisburg to have his boat illuminated this evening and in line with the big illuminated parade starts at 8 o'clock. Better take the tip; it'll be worth it!

KILLED IN AUTO PLUNGE

Wilmington, Del., Sept. 24.—Outen Laws, 25 years old, of Dover, was found dead under an automobile, which had plunged down a twenty-foot embankment, near Dover, this morning.

SEVERAL SHIPS REPORTED SUNK

Berlin, Sept. 24.—By Wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.—The newspapers of Spain, says the Overseas News Agency, report that German submarines in the Mediterranean have sunk several French and English steamers and one Russian vessel.

POLICEMAN SHOT IN RIOT

New Britain, Conn., Sept. 24.—A policeman was shot during a strike riot at the Corbin screw factory here this afternoon.

GERMANS GAIN MORE GROUND

London, Sept. 24.—Further inroads have been made by the Germans upon the defenses of Dvinsk, the important Russian city on the route to Petrograd which Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is attacking. Capture of additional positions in front of the city is reported by German army headquarters.

AMERICAN SOLDIER KILLED

Brownsville, Tex., Sept. 24.—Mexicans to-day attacked a detachment of United States soldiers at Progreso, forty miles west of here, and killed Private Stubblefield, of Troop B, Twelfth United States Cavalry, according to advices received here.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Morton B. Jacobs and Florence E. Darr, both of Harrisburg.

Masked Men Blow Safe and Loot Post Office

Pottsville, Pa., Sept. 24.—Masked automobile bandits scorching along the main street of Frackville at 2 o'clock this morning, came to a sudden stop before the post office and successfully completed the most daring robbery which has been committed in the region for years. The men leaped to the ground, smashed the heavy plate glass windows, crawled through the iron bars and blew open the safe. They escaped with the loot, jumped into the car and disappeared before an alarm was sounded. The entire robbery took only five or ten minutes. Several hundred dollars worth of stamps and other valuables were taken. Nitroglycerin was used as an explosive. State police and United States secret service agents and postal inspectors who arrived this evening have discovered important clues. The robbery took place in Lehigh avenue, the heart of the business section.

PRINCE KILLED IN BATTLE

Amsterdam, via London, Sept. 24.—Prince Frederic of Thurn and Taxis, son of Prince Lamoral was killed on Monday while fighting in the Dniester region in Russia, according to a Vienna dispatch to the Berlin Lokai Anzeiger. He was 41 years old.

Examination Papers Lost When Ships Went Down

London, Sept. 24, 10:53 a. m.—A third set of papers for the annual examinations in the United States for Rhodes scholarships has been forwarded, in the hope that they will arrive in time for the tests on the appointed days, October 5 and 6. The original papers went down with the Arabic and a second set was lost with the sinking of the Hesperian. On account of this delay, Dr. George Parkin, secretary of the Rhodes Scholarship Trust, expressed the fear that aspirants in America for scholarships might think no examinations were to be held this year.

RUSSIAN RETREAT BRILLIANT

London, Sept. 24.—Describing the Vlna retreat, the Petrograd correspondent of the Times characterizes as one of the most difficult and brilliant Russian exploits of the present war, but says the withdrawal began not a moment too soon, for a further delay would have enabled the Germans to drive a wedge into the Russian rear.