

TO SAVE HIS FACE ROYAL VOTED FOR LOWER TAX RATE

Bowman, Father of Ordinance, Declares Mayor Agreed Only Under Protest to Reduction From 9 1/2 to 9 Mills; City's Executive Bitterly Opposed Giving People Benefit of Reduction; Finally Went Along For Fear of Public Censure



HARRY F. BOWMAN.

Mayor John K. Royal voted under protest to reduce the mill rate from nine and a half to nine mills only to "save his political face."

City Commissioner Harry F. Bowman, Superintendent of Public Safety, and the father of the nine mill tax rate ordinance for 1915, made that statement today in a vigorous reply to the Royal organ's declaration that the Mayor was responsible for the reduction of the 1915 tax rate.

Commissioner Bowman merely refers to the conferences that the entire Council had on the subject of the ordinance before the ordinance was introduced, refers to Mr. Royal's bitter opposition of the efforts of Messrs. Taylor and Lynch to save the people of the city the benefit of the reduction, and of the city's chief executive's reluctant affirmative vote on the final passage of the measure.

Gorgas Acted—After a White Sixty thousand of that surplus was invested at 4 per cent. in city bonds, by the way, by Finance Commissioner Gorgas—after Mr. Bowman had suggested and repeatedly urged Mr. Gorgas and his fellow-members of the sinking fund commission, Mayor Royal and Treasurer O. M. Cooper, to save some money for the city by this plan.

LONE HIGHWAYMAN HALTS AUTOISTS AT POINT OF RIFLE

Assistant Cashier at P. R. R. Freight Station and His Chauffeur Are Robbed

HELD UP IN MOUNTAIN

No Chance to Get Away From Bandit Who Threatened to Shoot

Halted at the point of a rifle in the hands of a lone highwayman at a deserted spot along the mountain road near Delville, Perry county, late Saturday night, Howard D. Hertzler, of 1401 North Sixth street, assistant cashier at the Pennsylvania Railroad freight station, and his chauffeur were relieved of their zold watches, a small sum of money and other valuables.

The automobile in which Hertzler was riding was rolling along rather cautiously on account of the uneven road at this place. As the car rounded a sharp curve the lights fell upon a masked man standing in the center of the road. As the car neared him the bandit leveled a rifle at the chauffeur's head.

"Shell out your money," gruffly commanded the robber as the chauffeur applied the brakes and brought the car to a sudden stop, "and don't be slow about it or I'll tickle this trigger," he added.

"Come on. Don't try to put anything over," angrily snapped the bandit as he poked his gun into the chauffeur's ribs as that individual attempted to get down without emptying his hip pocket.

The pocket was emptied. Then, while still keeping the occupants of the car covered, the bandit ordered the chauffeur to proceed on his way.

Congressman Kreider Speaks at Republican Rally in Middletown

The Republican rallies were continued Saturday night with a big meeting at Middletown and a somewhat smaller gathering at Highspire. E. S. Gerberich, a well-known Republican of the lower end, presided at Middletown and the principal speaker was Congressman A. S. Kreider, who came over from Lebanon county to impress upon the voters the importance of rolling up a big Republican majority this year in preparation for the national elections next year.

26 HARD WINTERS PREDICTED BY METEOROLOGICAL AUTHORITY

Paris, Oct. 25.—The world's rain cycle, beginning in 1902, which the French meteorological authority, Abbe Moreaux, director of the Berges Observatory, predicted as the result of his study of the sun's face, is now, the Abbe says, ended. He forecasts a series of twenty-six hard winters beginning the present year.

Capt. Swartz Celebrates Birthday by Breaking Up Juvenile Fishing Trip

Captain Henry A. Swartz, 119 Cumberland street, Harrisburg's truant officer, was 74 years old to-day. He was on the job all day and corralled a half-dozen belligerents who were going on a fishing trip.

Dumba Treated Friendly by British Officers

Berlin, Oct. 25, via London 10:45 a. m.—Dr. C. T. Dumba, former Austrian ambassador at Washington who arrived here yesterday from the United States to-day gave out the following interview:

HEAR REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

New Haven, Conn., Oct. 25.—The National Council of Congregational Churches at the fifth day's session today considered reports from the commission on federation and unity and from the committee on relations with the Episcopal Church.

SCORE MAY BE DEAD IN FIRE IN FACTORY

Pittsburgh Pa., Oct. 25.—Four girls and one man employed in the factory of the Union Paper Box Company on the North Side are known to be dead, eight girls are badly injured and a number of others are missing as the result of a fire which, this afternoon, started in the feed store of James Brown and Company and spread to the factory.

Firemen reaching the ruins of the three-story building recovered the bodies and reinforced by the entire city department continued their search in the dense smoke.

Joseph L. Bash, employed as salesman by a stove company on the second floor of the building saw flames shooting up the elevator shaft. Running to a window to give the alarm he noticed a number of girls from the box factory leaning out of an upper window. Calling on them to jump he caught them one after the other, lowering them to the ground until eight were safe.

A. J. Seagle another stove salesman, did the same thing at another window and aided a number to safety, while Henry Schraeder, of Cleveland, drove a wagon to the rear of the building and caught others as they jumped. Other girls sprang into the street and seven of them were taken to a hospital badly hurt. Thirty-two girls were employed in the factory.

Minnie Bittner, one of the girls who jumped from the burning building died on its way to the hospital, bringing the known dead to six. Loretto Link, Margaret Kinsler, Kate Bittner, Gertrude Neidt, Mollie Arnold and Margaret Steirerwald were taken to hospitals suffering from burns and broken limbs. The driver of a fire engine on its way to the fire was crushed when the engine overturned and it was feared he would die. Another fireman was overcome by smoke and was said to be in a critical condition.

FRENCH SOLDIERS BEAT OFF BULGARS 5 AUTO SMASHES; 1 DEAD, 13 HURT

Italian Offensive Has Not Resulted in Permanent Breaches in Austrian Line

SERBS ON THE OFFENSIVE TRAIN HITS 2 IN A DAY

Efforts Made to Check Advance of Teutons, Nish Dispatches Say

French troops are working up the railroad line from Saloniki and beating off Bulgarian forces in Southern Serbia and have secured possession of the line as far as Negotin, about fifty miles southeast of Uskup, it is stated in a dispatch from Gradek, Serbia, under Saturday's date.

It is denied in the Gradek advices.

LUTHER R. KELKER, HISTORIAN, DEAD

Died at His Home, "Hohenheim," Near Steelton Yesterday Morning

Luther R. Kelker, one of the authorities on early record in Pennsylvania and historian and genealogist of note, died at his home "Hohenheim," near Steelton yesterday morning.

Mr. Kelker, who was widely known throughout Pennsylvania, was a native of the city and came of a family prominent in the Revolution.

The funeral services of Mr. Kelker will be held at his home, near Steelton, at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. The Rev. Dr. George Edward Hawes, of Market Square Presbyterian Church, will officiate. The honorary pallbearers will be Judge George Kunkel, Judge S. J. M. McCarroll, State Librarian Thomas Lynch Montgomery, William M. Donaldson, Spencer C.

Neither Beautiful Nor Heiress, but She Can Cook and Wants Husband

Special to The Telegraph Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Oct. 25.—Seeking a husband who must meet eight requirements which she enumerates, Mary Lansing, whose identity has not been established, to-day used the columns of a morning newspaper to aid her in her search for a mate. In her letter, which she commences, "I am not a beautiful nor a heiress, but I can cook and would make a faithful wife for a good husband."

Effect Organization of Hebrew Association

At a meeting of more than 600 Hebrew citizens in Technical high school last evening organization of the Young Men's Hebrew Association was perfected. Officers will be elected this evening at a meeting of the association at Newsboys' Hall, 304 North Second street, and the Ladies' Auxiliary will meet for the same purpose to-morrow night at the Harrisburg Hebrew Institute, 637 Boas street.

THREE GERMANS HELD UNDER BAIL FOR CONSPIRACY

Men Caught Near Weehawken Accused of Plotting Against Munition Factories

EXPLOSIVES RECOVERED

Secret Service Men Believe They Have Trio Who Have Caused "Accidents"

New York, Oct. 25.—Robert Fay, a lieutenant of the Sixteenth Saxony Infantry, admitted to-day that he came here last April through an arrangement with the German secret service, for the purpose of blowing up or derailing steamers sailing from this country with arms and ammunition for the allies.

Fay declared however, that while he had been here he had acted independently of the German embassy, of other German agents here. He added that he had told Captain Von Pape, military attaché, and Captain Boy-Ed, naval attaché of the German embassy, that he had a plan to blow up steamers sailing from American ports or American munition plants.

New York, Oct. 25.—Robert Fay, who claims to be a lieutenant in the German army and his brother-in-law, Walter L. Scholz, who were arrested yesterday while testing explosives near Grantwood, N. J., were arraigned to-day before a justice of the peace at Weehawken, N. J., on charges of conspiracy and held without bail for examination to-morrow.

The arraignment of the two men disclosed the fact that a third man, Paul Daech, had been arrested early to-day at his home in Jersey City after New York and New Jersey police had searched the house. Daech was also arraigned with Fay and Scholz and held without bail.

Detectives said they expected the arrangement of the two men.

SERBS REPULSE INVADERS

Paris, Oct. 25, 9:55 A. M.—The Serbians in some sectors have turned on the invaders with considerable success, they report, capturing several guns.

WE DIDN'T PLAY FAVORITES, WAIL ROYAL AND CHIEF

Hutchison Defends Mayor in Hopes of Getting His Old Job Back

ADMITS HE WROTE NOTE

Winking at Shooting Affray on Allison Hill Another Glaring Incident

Publication of Former Police Chief Hutchison's letter to Pat. Olanman Heagy to go slow in making "a friend of Mayor Royal's" obey the traffic regulations at the Verbeke street market-house brought a tirade of abuse yesterday from the ex-chief against the officer who dared to make public a letter instructing him not to "make trouble" for friends of the administration who happened to violate the traffic laws of the city.

It was known that Chief Hutchison and Mayor Royal had their troubles over the police question during their term of office together and at one time the chief is said to have threatened to resign if Mayor Royal insisted on appointing men with prison records to the police force. The defense of the ex-chief came as somewhat of a surprise on the part of those who were acquainted with these inside

Bryan Begins Six-Day Campaign For State-Wide Prohibition in Ohio

Columbus, O., Oct. 25.—William J. Bryan, speaking at Steubenville, Ohio, this morning, began a six-day campaign for the adoption of a proposed State-wide prohibition amendment to the Ohio constitution which will be voted on in the election of November 2.

Touring on a special train, the former Secretary of State will visit 41 counties and deliver 46 speeches during the week. While the "dry" forces are conducting their whirlwind campaign, the "wets" also will be busy. Several speakers are to be sent out from their headquarters here to argue against prohibition and an extensive advertising campaign has been planned.

Ornamental Street Lighting

Commissioner Bowman, incidentally, was responsible for the lighting of Second street from Market to State with the new ornamental standards. Incidentally, he placed cluster lights at State and Third, Perry and Thirteenth and Market and Thirteenth streets and at McWay and Sixth streets.

Protected Business District

Protection of the city's business district.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and warmer to-night and Tuesday.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair and warmer to-night and Tuesday, partly cloudy and warmer; moderate east and southeast winds.

River The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries was fairly low or less than normal yesterday.

General Conditions A well defined depression from the extreme Northwest is central over Manitoba this morning, reaching southeastern into the Upper Mississippi Valley and the Lake Region. Pressure is high along the Atlantic seaboard and over the Rocky Mountain and Plateau regions.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 34. Sun: Rise, 6:27 a. m.; set, 5:07 p. m. Rise, 7:01 p. m. River Stage: 1.6 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 54. Lowest temperature, 38. Mean temperature, 46. Normal temperature, 51.

APPOINTED CHIEF

O. F. Graff an expert accountant and resident of Crawford county, has been appointed Chief of the Bureau of Accounts and Expenditures of the Auditor General's Department. The position was created by the Legislature and carries a salary of \$3,000 a year. He has assumed his duties. Mr. Graff was formerly connected with financial institutions in western counties.

STEAMER WITH COTTON ABOARD BURNS

Charleston, S. C., Oct. 25.—The Mallory liner Colorado, which sailed from Charleston last night, with cotton for New York, caught fire and was abandoned, according to a wireless message received here to-day from the steamer Suwanee.

SIX MORE BODIES RECOVERED

Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 25.—Soon after 3 o'clock firemen penetrated to the girls' dressingroom in the factory where they found three bodies on the floor. The girls had been suffocated. A few minutes later three more bodies were found, two of them badly burned.

MEXICAN BANDITS ESCAPE

Brownsville, Tex., Oct. 25.—Bandits who attacked an entrenched United States infantry camp within six miles of Brownsville, yesterday, escaped capture by more than a thousand troops, rangers and deputies who started in pursuit of them in half an hour after the fight. Daylight revealed that there were possibly thirty or forty men in the two attacking parties which attempted to ambush the soldiers.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

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