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# SCORE OF LITTLE CHILDREN DIE IN FIRE WHEN THEIR SCHOOL IS BURNED

Blaze Sweeps St. John's Parochial School in Peabody, Mass.. Where 600 Students Were Gathered

**BOILER EXPLOSION MAY** HAVE CAUSED BIG FIRE

Large Percentage of Youngsters Were of Irish and Italian Descent and Were in Charge of 16 Sisters

By Associated Press

Peabody, Mass., Oct. 28. — Fire swept through the three-story brick building occupied by the St. John's Parochial School to-day, burning or driving to death in the panic that followed the alarm, probably thirty of the 600 boys and girls, who a few minutes before had assembled for minutes before had assembled for their daily lessons.

At eleven o'clock twenty bodies had At eleven o'clock twenty bodies had been removed from the vestibule where the jam of terrified little ones had resulted in the greatest loss of life. The police had estimated the dead as high as fifty. Many others were injured in their flight down the stairways and a few jumped from the windows of the third floor.

The students who ranged in years from 7 to 13, were in charge of sixteen sisters. When the fire broke the sisters marshalled their charges as for a fire drill and started them from the building. The processions were order-

building. The processions were order-ly until those from the third floor Joined others pouring from the class-

rooms on the second floor.

Fear Starts Panic

Suddenly there was a cry of fear from one of the throng. It was taken up by a hundred others and panic ensued. The sisters made frantic efforts to stop the pushing, struggling

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#### Claims the Riverton Water Co. Has Failed to Keep Agreement

Complaint was filed at the office of the Public Service Commission to-day against the Riverton Consolidated Water Company by Edward N. Cooper, head of E. N. Cooper & Co., iron founders of this city, and a resident of Camp Hill, in which it is charged that the company has not given the service which it is declared to have promised and which the law requires of a public utility company.

Mr. Cooper charges in his complaint that he is opening a tract of land and that when he laid out the lots he arranged with an officer of the company to secure water service, provided at least four houses were erected. He states that the houses have been put up and side walks and curbs laid, but that the company has repeatedly refused to extend its mains.

### Searches For Gas Leak With Lamp; Poof!

F. E. Ellicker, 1192 Balley street, this morning searched for a gas leak in his cellar. He carried with him a lighted lamp, placing the latter near the gas meter. When Ellicker removed a cap from the gas pipe there was an explosion, followed by a blaze in a pile of rubbish. Someone saw the smoke coming from the cellar and sent in an alarm from Box 332, Walnut and Balm streets. There was no fire when the firemen arrived, as Mr. Ellicker had been busy with several buckets of water. No damage resulted.

Decree Filed Today by U. S. Industrial Conference Will Be Attended by Leading Engineers of Country

Will Be Adopted

Workmen's compensation, education in its relation to industrial efficiency and what the Commonwealth be decided in three of the thirteen about better living conditions will be decided in three of the thirteen about better living conditions will be decided in three of the thirteen about better living conditions will be decided in three of the thirteen about better living conditions will be decided in three of the thirteen about better living conditions will in Pennsylvania the advocates of sent a clean statement. to the tax-

### COUSIN OF MRS. GALT DIES

SUFFRAGE RALLY IN SQUARE Miss Emma MacAlarney will be the principal speaker at a big suffrage mass meeting to be held in Market Square to-morrow evening at 7:30 woman's Life

# THE WEATHER

Harrisburg and Vicinity: Fair to-night and Friday, warmer to-night. night.
Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair and
warmer to-night, Friday fair.
Moderate winds becoming souther-

RIVER The Susquebanna river and all its tributaries will fall slowly. A stage of about 4.0 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Friday morning.

GENERAL CONDITIONS
Pressure is low along the northern boundary from the Green Lakes
westward. It is highest with the
Pacific slope and moderately along
over the Middle and North Atlante
other of the Color of the Middle and
North Atlantic States and in Eastcra Tennessee and Western North
Carolina and in the Rocky Mountains.

Temperature—8 a. m., 38. Sun: Rises, 7.92 a. m.; Sets, 4.42 p. m. Moon: New Moon, November 7, 2.52 a. m. River Stage: 4.1 feet above low water mark.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER Highest temperature, 64. Lowest temperature, 46. Mean temperature, 55. Normal temperature, 49.

## GLANCE AT OFFICIAL RECORDS SHOW WHAT EACH OF FIVE COMMISSIONERS HAS DONE FOR CITY

City records speak for themselves and a glance at the councilmanic journals and ordinance books for the last two years will show conclusively what the five members of City Council have done in the way of constructive and improvement legislation. City Commissioner William H. Lynch heads the list with 117 ordinances, Commissioner H. F. Bowman has sixty-one to his credit, and Commissioner M. Harvey Taylor, fifty-two.

Mayor John K. Royal offered eighteen and Commissioner W. L. Gorgas twenty-four. Most of Royal's and Gorgas' were salary raisers or routine appropriation measures.

WILLIAM H. LYNCH Superintendent of Streets and Public Improvement

Ordinance authorizing expenditure of \$88,500 for sewers.
Equitable reduction in paving
corner and irregular lots.
Defining official opening, grading, paving and curbing regulations.

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Opening and grading Nineteenth street, Chestnut to Mulberry: Twentieth, Market to Chestnut; Mulberry, Eighteenth to Nineteenth, and Chestnut, Eighteenth to Nineteenth.

Regulation construction of sidewalks, curbs and gutters along highways.

Paving and curbing Derry street from Twenty-second to Twenty-third streets.

Creating police captain and increasing force.

Purchase of street sprinklers and sweepers.

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Building bridge across Jonestown road at Walnut street.
Changing names of highways in city.
Opening and grading of Market street from Twenty-first to castern city line.
Paving and curbing Derry street from Twenty-third to eastern city line.
Constructing bridges across Paxton creek at Mulberry, Reily, Walnut and Cumberland streets.
Specifying amount of bonds and checks required of contractors.

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Authorizing construction of asphalt repair plant.

New sewer system in Market street and Market Square.

Regulating traffic in subways and on bridge approaches.

Turning into city asphalt repair fund all sums heretofore appropriated for payment of private repair contractor.

Authorizing sewers in the following streets: Fifth, Twentieth, Swatara, Kittatinny, Shamokin, River. Cumberland, Zarker, Chestnut, Maclay, Seventeenth, Herr, Maclay street from east side of Paxton street, Mifflin, Sixteenth, Dock and Seventeenth, Geiger, Third, Derry, Carlisle, Monroe, Boas, Florence alley, Cameron, Derry, Market street (Hill section), Green, Mahantongo and a score of smaller drains.

Authorizing paying of these

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Authorizing paving of these sections of streets: Seventh, Rhoades alley, Emerald, Apricot, Wengert, Whistler alleys, Nineteenth, Primrose, Howard, Ethel, Market, Cumberland, Etown, Atlas, Saul, Clover, Zarker, Chestnut, Cream and Snow alleys. May and several streets in Bellevue Park.

Other measures totaling 117 in all.

HARRY F. BOWMAN Superintendent of Public Safety

Nine-mill city tax rate.

Retaining Board of Health as
Bureau of Health and Sanitation.

Reducing water rates and
costs of maters.

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Appointing city bacteriologist and chemist.
Placing sixteen additional cluster electric standards.
Placing ornamental electric lights in Second street from Locust to State.
Opening and grading Summit street to provide easier access from Market street by means of concrete steps.
Changing water mains at State street by lowering them under Paxton creek invert and installation of great valve.
Collecting ashes in Thirteenth ward and other outlying districts.
Appropriations to pay paving assessments against St. Matthew's Lutheran and Immanuel Presbyterian Churches.
To secure purity of milk and cream.
Opening Front street from

cream.
Opening Front street from South to Liberty, Harris to Ma-

Appropriation to pay water ssessment for Christ Lutheran

Appropriation to pay trace assessment for Christ Lutheran Church.

Permitting construction of great frame Stough tabernacle in fire district.

Leasing portion of island to Pennsylvania Exhibition Company for baseball.

Placing Taylor Boulevard and Berkeley Place on city map.

Amending license tax ordinance to reduce fee from \$5 to \$4.

to \$4.

Ordinances for placing of two sewers and thirteen water pipes; additional electric lights, including cluster standard at Cherry and Front streets opposite Harrisburg Hospital.

Other measures totaling sixty-one in all, including the ordinance "abolishing the positions of chief clerk and assistant chief clerk" in City Treasurer O. M. Copelin's department.

M. HARVEY TAYLOR Superintendent of Parks and Public Property

Submitting \$60,000 fire loan to

people.
Placing lights on river front wall.
Purchasing land in Paxtang for parkway purposes.
Constructing parkway road cameron Extension to Reservoir Park.
Construction of new formal

Construction of new formal entrance to Reservoir Park.
Condemning almshouse land for park purposes.
Obtaining by gift or purchase land to east of city for continuation of parkway.
Creating department of City Planning Commission.
Creating department of city forestry.

forestry.

Authorizing floating of 1913
\$300,000 public improvement

loan.
Obtaining lands in Susque-hanna township for park pur-

Poses.
Raising pay of fire drivers.
Purchasing tract at Sycamore
and Fourteenth streets for city

playground.
Purchasing tract at Fifth an
Emerald for city playground.
Purchasing motor-driven fire
apparatus (seven pieces).
Opening Front street, Herr to
Calder.
Appropriation for Memorial Appropriation for Memorial

Pay,
Purchasing fire hose.
Building Royal Fire Company's new house in Thirteenth ward.

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pany's new house in Thirteenth ward.

Installation of ornamental standards in River Park south of Paxton street and in Twelfth street playgrounds.

Regulations for planting of city trees,

Regulations for automobiles parking in Market Square.

Providing funds for skating on Wildwood Lake.

Other measures totaling fifty-two, including the ordinance stipulating how the various city departments shall be superintended by the five members of Council.

WILLIAM L. GORGAS Superintendent of Finance and Accounts

Fixing salary of clerk to su-perintendent of finance and ac-

Appropriation of portion of general water fund toward redemption of water bonds in accordance with Commissioner Bowman's suggestion.
Requiring coupon holders of city bonds to show certificates of ownership.

Opening tax redemption account.

Requiring hucksters to wear

Requiring hucksters to wear badges.
License tax ordinance and appointment of license officer.
Other ordinances, totaling twenty-four in all, including the usual routine measures transferring funds from one department to another, paying assessments, appointing assistant city assessors in the department of finance and accounts, general appropriation and mill rate ordinances.

MAYOR JOHN K. ROYAL Superintendent of Public Affairs

Appropriating salary of Mayor and City Councilmen.

Authorizing appointment of secretary to the Mayor and fixing his salary.

Fixing salaries of chief of police, captain and detectives.

Appointing additional police constables.

Appointing admires of Mayor, City Councilmen and City Controller for 1916.

Curfew ordinance (by re-

quest).

Other measures, totaling just eighteen in all, included such items as appropriations for lighting Mayor's office, buying typewriters and cabinets for Mayor's office and office of City Sealer, prohibiting youngsters from attending "movies," widening tending street, providing money ferding "movies," widening Briggs street, providing money for Mr. Lynch's new street signs, regulating sale of red fire.

# NEW BRIDGE LOAN **BACKERS EXPLAIN** THEIR POSITIONS

Walnut Street Viaduct Association Issues Statement to People

URGE ENDORSEMENT

Question of \$300,000 Debt Increase Will Be Decided on Tuesday

sive statement issued to the public today the Walnut Street Viaduct Asso-ciation explains why it is boosting the \$300,000 loan for the construction of the new bridge over the Pennsy tracks at Walnut street.

The question will be decided by the people Tuesday at the polls as to whether Harrisburg shall increase its whether Harrisburg shall increase its bonded indebtedness to construct the bridge and the Hill Association presents its statement in order to convince the voters why it believes the loan should be passed. Following is the statement:

The Allison Hill Association favoring the \$300,000 loan for the erection of a Walnut Street Vladuct desires to present concisely to the citizens of Harrisburg the views of its membership in regard to the imperative neces-

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#### Mayor Attacks Hospital Where Nurse's Mistake Caused Woman's Death

By Associated Press By Associated Press

Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 28.—Mayor William Riddle to-day called upon the Board of Governors of the City Hospital to confirm or deny charges that they attempted to suppress news of the mistake of a pupil nurse, which resulted in the death of a patient in the hospital from poison.

EDISON'S LIFE THREATENED

By Associated Press
San Francisco, Oct. 28. — Annoymous letters, threatening the life of Thomas A. Edison, because he has been named as a member of the National Defense Board by President Wilson, have been received by the inventor during his visit here.

Washington, Oct. 21. - Ambassador Gerard's recent conference with Emperor William is causing much speculation in official quarters here. Secretary Lansing stated today that the Ambassador had not been directed to visit the emperor and that no report of the conference had been re

### RUSSIAN ATTACKS REPULSED

Berlin, Oct. 28 .- By Wireless to Sayville .- Repulse of Russian attacks in the Dvinsk region and near the cent. part of the line in the east as well as a success for General Von Linsingen's troops in the southern sector are recorded in to-day's official statement by German army headquarters. EVIDENCE IS CIRCUMSTANTIAL

Joliet, Ill., Oct. 28 .- Joseph Campbell, negro convict ac cused of the murder on June 20th, last of Mrs. Maizie Odette Allen, wife of Edmund M. Allen then warden of the State Penitentiary, here, was placed on trial to-day. Questions asked the first veniremen were taken to indicate the evidence against the negro is circumstantial.

New York, Oct. 28.—Testimony disclosing that the late General Charles R. Brayton, "the blind boss of Rhode Island" was employed by the New York Haven and Hartford Railroad to block the passage of bills in the Rhode Island Legislature authorizing the construction of trolley lines which would compete with the New Haven, caused a sensation at the trial of the eleven former directors of the New Haven to-day.

Peabody, Mass., Oct. 28. - Angus McDonald, of the State police, believes the fire in St. John's School originated in a closet near the stairway and was caused by a hot air explosion. It was believed late to-day that the death list will reach twenty-five ...

Reading, Pa., Oct. 28 .- Allen Adkirns, 56 years old, an orderly in the Homeopathic Hospital was arrested here today as an arson suspect. He was recently employed and since then three fires broke out in the institution.

Harrisburg .- Dave George, a foreigner empoyed at the Paxtang stone quarries sustained a badly lacerated foot this afternoon when it was caught in the machinery.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES** 

Edward William Hewitt and Bessle May Holtzman, Linglestown.

# JERSEY CENTRAL **MUST DISPOSE OF COAL INTERESTS**

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### Woman's Life Reads Like a Movie Story

from her home in West Elizabeth, Pa., twenty-nine years ago, by Mr. and Mrs. George Brindley, a childless couple. The Brindleys, she says, took her to Cleveland, and only when she was 16 years old imparted to her knowledge of her real parents. Shortly afterward the Brindleys removed to Harrisburg, and Emma, going with them, there met and fell in love with Frank B. Franks, a young railroad engineer.

Frank D. relation of the pair had not been wedded long when Franks, in Pittsburgh, met a Civil War veteran, who told him of a missing daughter, displaying her photograph in a locket. When Franks displayed its duplicate, father and daughter were reunited.

# FOR WELFARE OF WORKERS IN NOV.

pany by the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey is a combination nual industrial welfare and efficiency suffrage close their efforts with a feel-

Right About Length of

As Result New Cabinet Is Robeson Declares Kitchener Is Now Being Formed in

York, Pa., Oct. 28.—All of the elements of a novel down to a happy ending are contained in the life history of Mrs. Emma Franks, who has been located here and informed of an inheritance of \$2,000 through the death of her father.

As a child of 2 years Mrs. Franks, then Emma Bennett, was kidnaped from her home in West Elizabeth, Pa., twenty-nine years ago, by Mr. and Mrs. George Brindley, a childless words in the cabinet as minister of will commence on the first of his

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### Russians Make Attack on Black Sea Coast

# SUFFRAGE UP IN THREE OF THE 13 ORIGINAL STATES

# pany of New Jersey is a combination in restraint of trade and that the Bristol, Va., Oct. 28.—Mrs. Charlotte Payne Winston, a cousin of Mrs. Norman Galt, who is soon to become the wife of President Wilson, and a grand-nlece of Doly Madison, wife of President Madison, is dead here at the age of \$5. She was also a great granddaughter of Alexander Spotts-wood, Colonel Governor of Virginia. pany of New Jersey is a combination in restraint of trade and that the State Capitol November 16, 17, 18 and in the State Capitol November 16, 17, 18 and in the State Capitol November 16, 17, 18 and in the State Capitol November 16, 17, 18 and industrial welfare and efficiency suitrage close their efforts with a feel-long of quite confidence that the State Capitol November 16, 17, 18 and industrial welfare and efficiency suitrage close their efforts with a feel-long of quite confidence that the State Capitol November 16, 17, 18 and industrial welfare and efficiency suitrage close their efforts with a feel-long of quite confidence that the State Capitol November 16, 17, 18 and industrial welfare and efficiency suitrage close their efforts with a feel-long of quite confidence that the State Capitol November 16, 17, 18 and industrial welfare and efficiency suitrage close their efforts with a feel-long of quite confidence that the State Capitol November 16, 17, 18 and industrial welfare and efficiency suitrage close their efforts with a feel-long of quite confidence that the State Capitol November 16, 17, 18 and industrial welfare and efficiency suitrage close their efforts with a feel-long of quite confidence that the State Capitol November 16, 17, 18 and industrial welfare and efficiency suitrage close their efforts with a feel-long of quite confidence that the State Capitol November 16, 17, 18 and industrial welfare and efficience of public QUITS HIS POST IN TRAVELOGUES

cessor being Aristide, Briand, former premier, who is likely also to take the premier, who is likely also to take the premier, who is likely also to take the foreign ministry, while M. Viviani will remain in the cabinet as minister of justice. Other important changes in the cabinet are likewise indicated the cabinet are likewise indicated the foreign office, will probably be re-Germany will be the first land o'er [Continued on Page 6.]

> Nothing Known of Woman Sentenced to Be Shot 3

missing daughter, displaying her photograph in a locket. When Franks displayed its duplicate, father and daughter were reunited.

Two years ago John Bennett visited his daughter in Harrisburg and that was the last time she saw him. Since that time her husband was killed in a railway wreck. Two of their children had previously died and four remaining ones succumbed to diphtheria. In reduced circumstances, Mrs. Franks was for the first time in her life forced to seek employment and came here as a domestic.

By Associated Press

Rome, Oct. 28, via London, 2.26

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"A Russian fleet arrived at 4 o'clock their names are Franz this morning off the Bulgarian coast," the correspondent wires, "and immediately began a bombardment of sale time in her life forced to seek employment and came here as a domestic. Considerable damage has been done to the town."

# **BOWMAN EARNED** \$84,000 SURPLUS FOR TAXPAYERS

the certain financial transactions in the onduct of the water department:

"An article in a recent issue of The Patriot misquoted me, setting forth that I was trying to compel Mr. Royal and Mr. Copelin to invest \$110,000 of the surplus of the water department on hand when I took office. This \$110,000 was not invested

[Continued on Page 31 ARMAMENT TRANSFERRED

Paris, Oct. 28.—The entire arma-fate of Anna Benazet, of Verviers, ferred to Tchatalja and Adrianople while the Turkish garrison has been sent to the Bulgarian frontier. The Havas correspondent at Athens wires that he has this news from reliable sources in Constantinople.

### \*\*\*\*\* **TELEGRAPH** TRAVELOGUE COUPON

This coupon and 10c The Roberson Travelogue

"GERMANY" Thurs. Eve., Oct. 28th Chestnut St. Auditorium

One-half the house only avail-