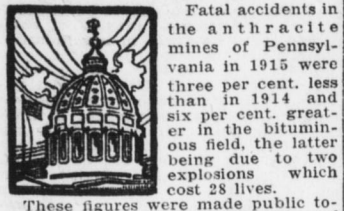


FEW ACCIDENTS IN STATE MINES

State Department of Mines Show Good State of Affairs in Anthracite Field COMMISSION TO MEET Middletown Grade Crossing Case Will Be Taken Up When It Assembles



Fatal accidents in the anthracite mines of Pennsylvania in 1915 were three per cent less than in 1914 and six per cent greater in the bituminous field, the latter being due to two explosions which cost 28 lives.

These figures were made public today at the State department of Mines, which received official reports showing 683 killed in the anthracite field against 600 in 1914 and 438 killed in bituminous mines against 413 in 1914.

The State now has 25 anthracite mine inspectors and 30 bituminous inspectors, increases having been made last year.

Middletown Case Up.—The Public Service Commission will sit here on Monday to hear applications for approval of charter papers and contracts between municipalities. Five electric companies are asking charters as is the South Mountain Street Railway Company, which desires to operate in Berks county. The contract for above grade crossings of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Middletown and the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad at Sunbury will also be taken up.

State Board Next Week.—The State Board of Agriculture, which will meet here Wednesday for the thirty-third annual session, will discuss rural credits and agricultural education extension work. Congressmen R. W. Moss, Indiana, and L. F. Lever, South Carolina, are to be speakers. Governor Brumbaugh will open the meeting.

Cold Has Effect.—Cold weather has been having its effect on the number of visitors to the State Capitol and probably the smallest number in many months outside of election week registered at the office of the Capitol guides. On two days, which were the coldest of the winter, there were only thirty visitors, only ten being registered on one day.

Chestnut Blight.—According to reports which have been received here there has been a recurrence of the chestnut blight in some of the interior counties and requests for State tree experts to give advice have been given. About all the State is now in a position to take the chestnut to saw off the infected limbs and burn them. The worst affected areas appear to be up the Susquehanna Valley, the western slope of the mountains having practically no trouble at all.

Board to Meet.—The State Industrial Board has been scheduled to meet in Philadelphia on February 1 for discussion of the proposed code of safety for electrical workers. This will be one of the most important codes of the series devised by the State and will affect thousands of workmen.

Full Crew Cases.—Action may be taken by the Public Service Commission about the middle of next month on the full crew cases, which are being discussed by members of the commission who have received briefs from the counsel for the interested parties. The decision will discuss all of the alleged violations submitted.

To Clear Dockets.—Steps to clear the dockets of the Dauphin county court of all suits brought by the State for recovery of back taxes under the act of 1913 will be taken within a week. There are about seventy pending in all of which verdicts will be taken for the defense, the State having the burden of proof. Pending some legal action the auditor general's department will assess the tax under the act of 1915 which has not been tested in the courts.

Health Inspectors at Johnson.—State Health Inspectors were ordered today to go to Johnsonstown to assist local authorities in handling an outbreak of measles. Sunday schools may be closed.

Deininger Takes Office.—James C. Deininger yesterday assumed his duties as recorder of the State Board of Pardons to which he was elected in the latter part of December.

Inspector Killed.—Word reached the Capitol today that Alexander Crissinger, a State highway inspector in Westmoreland county, had been killed by being thrown from his buggy.

President and Mrs. Wilson Are Cruising in Waters of Chesapeake on Yacht

Washington, Jan. 22.—President and Mrs. Wilson aboard the naval yacht Mayflower were cruising yesterday to-day down the Potomac, bound for the waters of the Chesapeake bay. The trip which is to occupy two days was taken to enable the President to prepare in seclusion the address he is to make in New York January 27 at the Railroad Business Association's banquet and to tentatively draft others he is to make on national preparedness on his return.

The President carried with him a mass of data from the navy and war departments which he was to use in his stenographic report. He is keeping in wireless communication with the White House. Plans for the President's Western trip which he finally approved just before starting on the cruise last night calls for stops at Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Chicago, Des Moines, Topeka and Kansas City. The trip is to begin January 28.

NEWS OF STEELTON

STEEL MERGER TALK REVEALED

Meeting of Big Steel Men Starts Pennsylvania-Cambria Cambria Rumors Again

Dispatches from Philadelphia, in commenting upon the big earnings of the Cambria Steel Company, to-day revive stories of a new steel combination which it is declared will include the Pennsylvania Steel Company.

William H. Donner, head of the Cambria company and chairman of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Steel Company, the dispatches say, is reported to have come to an agreement with the syndicate which is promoting the new combination and that this means the merger will be effected at an early date. This report has been denied by President Donner and J. Leonard Replogle, the principal Cambria stockholder.

The report probably had its origin in a meeting between Mr. Donner, B. Dawson Coleman and Mr. Replogle. Mr. Coleman is a director of the Pennsylvania Steel Company and is also one of the members of the syndicate which took over the Pennsylvania Company's Cambria Steel holdings. Mr. Replogle said that there was no significance to the meeting and Mr. Coleman said that he and Mr. Coleman were discussing a different matter when Mr. Replogle chanced to come to his office.

BOY DIES Mathey Freylinck, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Yonko Freylinck, died last evening. He became ill just a few hours before his death. Funeral services will be held in St. Mary's Croatian Catholic church, on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Burial will be made in Baldwin cemetery.

MRS. MARY MYERS Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Myers who died yesterday will be held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John R. Rider, 219 Myers street on Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The Rev. G. W. Getz, pastor of the Main Street Church of God and the Rev. J. M. Waggoner, a former pastor, will officiate. Mrs. Myers was a charter member of the church of God. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Rider, Mrs. Samuel Seiders, Harry Myers, Miss Bessie Myers, of Harrisburg; Mrs. John Straw and Mrs. John Balsum.

MRS. KATHERINE BULICH Funeral services for Mrs. Katherine Bulich who died Friday at her home in Lower Swatara township, near Oberlin, will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the house and later at Ebenezer United Brethren Church, where burial will be made. Mrs. Bulich was 80 years old and is survived by three brothers and two sisters, Isaac of Penobscot; David, of Elizabethtown; Martin, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Sara Stephenson, of Reading and Mrs. Elizabeth Balsbaugh of Enhart.

PRaises HARCLERODE In an Educational News Bulletin, issued by the State Board of Education, W. M. Harclerode, supervisor of music in the Steeltown schools is highly praised for the special musical features directed by Mr. Harclerode during Steeltown's big community Christmas celebration.

EAST END HOSE CO. ELECTS NEW OFFICERS The East End Hose Company No. 6, has elected the following officers: President, S. K. VanSant; vice-president, Fred W. Downs; recording secretary, Edward M. Cooper; assistant recording secretary, Allen Miller; financial secretary, C. S. Butcher; treasurer, Hiram McCauley; trustees, W. W. Breckenridge, Oliver Megary, O. E. Miller, Geo. N. Feehrer and William Cumber, forman, Samuel H. Nissley; first assistant forman, Roy Nolan; second assistant forman, Ivan Seiders; fire patrol, Ivan Seiders, Oliver Megary and Geo. N. Miller; directors, W. W. Breckenridge, Oliver Megary, Seth Gordon, John A. Auker, S. R. Klinger and Frank Seiders; representatives, S. K. VanSant; alternate, H. Nissley; relief committee, Samuel H. Nissley, S. K. VanSant and S. R. Klinger.

PLAN SPRING CARNIVAL Members of the Steeltown Civic Club are already planning to hold the second annual Spring Carnival. Efforts will be made to have 'this year's affair in the open, the same as last Spring.

Revival Services Draw Big Crowds at Oberlin

Evangelistic services in the Neldig Memorial Church at Oberlin are being well attended.

The special nights for next week are as follows: Tuesday, young ladies' night, when Classes 5 and 7 will attend in a body and conduct the services; Wednesday, men's night, when Classes Nos. 3, 6 and 8 will conduct the services.

Teachers From Five Districts Convene

With teachers present from Steeltown, Hummelstown, Paxtang and Swatara and Derry townships, an institute for this district opened in the Oberlin high school last evening. A second session was held this morning and the meeting will close with another session this afternoon.

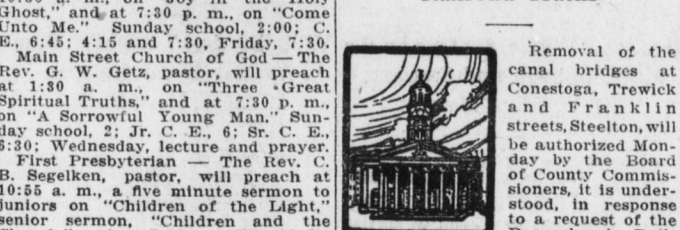
Topics of vital interest to the teaching profession were discussed by County Superintendent F. E. Shambaugh, Principal Charles S. Davis, of Steeltown; Walter A. Geesey, Hattie Weidenhamer, Stacy M. Peters, Professor George E. Dunkleberger, Oscar J. Evert, Harrisburg; assistant treasurer, C. H. Miller, Harrisburg; principal of the Swatara schools; Gertrude Brubaker, Miss Ada Hill, Miss Blanche Clever, Miss Elizabeth Price, Miss Annie E. Nye, Miss Ethel Rupp, Olga Kline, Professor H. F. Dilworth, of Millersville State Normal School, and Miss Jane Parthemore. The Revs. Daniel E. Rupley and H. S. Kiefer also spoke.

BOY'S LONG HIKE Three Middletown Boy Scouts, James Heininger, Hain Ettele and Charles Dupes, "hiked" to Palmyra Thursday.

SOCIAL CIRCLE MEETS The Social Circle met at the home of Mrs. J. P. Ackerman, East Water street, Thursday afternoon.

WILL REMOVE 3 CANAL BRIDGES

County Viaducts in Steeltown Give Way to Additional Railroad Tracks



Removal of the canal bridges at Conestoga, Trewick and Franklin streets, Steeltown, will be authorized Monday by the Board of County Commissioners. These viaducts are maintained by the county and the utility company will remove the structures without expense to the county. Roadways also will be built at the railroad's cost.

The old Pennsylvania canal bed is to be filled up and sewer in order to allow the railroad company to make some track extensions. The borough council's permission to make this change will be authorized in an ordinance to be passed, it is understood, at the meeting February 7.

Coming Argument.—The question of whether milk can legally be included in the category of "other foods" in the 1913 quarantine act will be argued before the Dauphin County Court on Tuesday, January 25, when Harvey S. Romberger and John Funck will be arraigned. Other cases on the list are: Nora M. vs. Roy W. McCarty, counsel fees; Detroit Automatic Scale Company vs. H. McKee, open judgment; David W. Cotterell vs. Melvain Brothers, demurrer; John H. Palm vs. W. F. Martin, strike off appeal; Mary S. Beck vs. Central Guaranty Trust Company, new trial; Charles H. vs. Sarah Looker, divorce, argument.

Wants Accounting of Mule Firm.—Adam Bishop, Lebanon, against David C. Rhoads to obtain an accounting of the money accumulated during the ten years' existence of the horse and mule dealing firm in which Bishop and Rhoads conducted.

URGES NATIONAL UNIVERSITY AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Congressman Fess Tells City School Teachers of Great Project

A National University at Washington, which will be open for research work to students of the world under the leadership of the best men of the country, the government to be the beneficiary of these discoveries, is the aim of Dr. S. D. Fess, president of Antioch College at Antioch, Ohio, and Congressman from that district, he stated in his address to the city teachers this morning in the auditorium of the Central High School at the opening session of the fourth day of the city teachers' institute.

Dr. Fess' plan was first the dream of Washington, who twice recommended it to Congress, and upon his death bequeathed a sum of \$50,000, and named the place for the erection of the University at a part of Washington still known as University Heights. Numerous times since then the plan has been given consideration, but has always failed of being carried into perfection. Dr. Fess has matured his plans so far that the matter will be brought before Congress as a part of the vocational bill which has been before the House.

The scheme as being set forth by the speaker is to expend a sum of four million dollars for an administrative building to be called the National Archives Building. The speaker stated that this country is the only nation in the world that does not boast of such a building. The institution would be controlled by a board of directors, any student admitted with the degree of Bachelor of Arts would be invited to come to Washington to do research work in the already existing government researches, one discovery would often pay all expenses of the National University for 100 years," declared the speaker.

The other speaker of the morning was Dr. Edward F. Bigelow, a Connecticut lecturer, editor and naturalist. His subject was "The Child or You."

Superintendent F. E. Downes announced the next and final session of the institute for Saturday, March 11. The Rev. F. W. Miller, of the Episcopal University. His address upon the subject of music will be the first delivered upon that theme for several years by city teachers. S. L. Krebs, a Philadelphia psychologist, will also speak.

Elliott-Fisher Company's Officers For '16 Elected

At a meeting yesterday of the board of directors of the Elliott-Fisher Company, held in New York City for reorganization, the following officers were elected: Chairman of the board, Grant E. Schley; president and general manager, George F. Watt; first vice-president, James Donald Cameron. The following additional officers were appointed: H. A. Footorath, Harrisburg; vice-president of Great Britain, A. W. Robb, London; vice-president of Western district, R. B. Buswell, Chicago; assistant general manager, Charles H. Hunter, Chicago; secretary, Charles L. DeGauge, New York; assistant secretary and agent, William L. Ewert, Harrisburg; treasurer, Oscar J. Gagg, Harrisburg; assistant treasurer, C. H. Miller, Harrisburg; general sales manager, F. I. Dean, Harrisburg. The stockholders on Thursday elected the following directors: Max H. Behr, J. Gardner Bradley, James Donald Cameron, J. H. Danby, Charles L. DeGauge, Louis G. Jullin, Evander B. Schley, G. B. Schley, George F. Watt. The following executive committee was also elected: M. H. Behr, J. Gardner Bradley, G. B. Schley, G. F. Watt.

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TAFT'S SECRETARY OF WAR ENDORSES NEW ARMY PLAN

Henry L. Stimson Believes Compulsory Military Service Will Solve Problem

DISCUSS BORDER TROUBLE

Roof and Other Prominent Men Speak on Preparedness Before Security League

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—Unqualified endorsement of the administration's continental army plan was given to-day by Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War in the Taft administration, in an address before the National Security League.

Declaring himself in favor of compulsory universal military service as the true solution of the defense problem, Mr. Stimson said he regarded the program now advanced by Secretary Garrison as the sound initial step. "If Congress is not ready yet to sanction universal training," he said, "the measures which are enacted should be those which, so far as they go, are in accord with this great fundamental duty and which as time passes and experience ripens will lead most naturally to the establishment of such a system."

Discusses Border Trouble "Instead of ourselves performing the most vital duty of citizenship," said Mr. Stimson, "we have been hiring other men to do it for us. Other democracies have been more consistent and intelligent in that they are reaping the advantage of their action not only in their national security but in the stability of character which their training has given to the individual."

Referring to the recent Mexican troubles and the demands of many for a punitive expedition, Mr. Stimson said: "It is controllable that at almost any time the hands of our government may be forced by some such emergency, yet at the present day with the great bulk of our army massed along the Mexican border we have only

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Navy Looking For Woman Adrift at Sea in Boat

Special to the Telegraph

San Juan, P. R., Jan. 21.—Admiral Fletcher, commanding the Atlantic fleet maneuvering at Culebra, has instructed ships of the fleet to search for an American woman, name not given, who was a passenger in a small open boat that sailed from St. Thomas for the neighboring island of Tortola late last Saturday evening.

The boat, which carried a crew of four, no provisions, only a small supply of water and but one life belt, has not been heard from. The naval tug Sonoma has been especially detailed for the search.

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