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TAKE HARDCRABBLE OVER MAY 1; WATER RATE CUT A DOLLAR

GROSS SETS MAY 1 FOR TAKING OVER OF HARDCRABBLE

Council Thinks Time Trifle Short; Definite Action Postponed For Week

BONDS DOUBLE DAMAGES OWNERS WILL BE GIVEN NOTICES TO VACATE AND RAZING OF HOUSES WILL FOLLOW

May 1, 1916, was the time limit for the taking over of "Hardscrabble" in a resolution offered this morning in City Council by Park Commissioner E. Z. Gross.

Council thought the time was a trifle too short and upon the suggestion of Commissioner Harry F. Bowman definite action was postponed for a week.

Mr. Gross offered his resolution at the request of City Solicitor D. S. Seitz in accordance with the latter's letter on the subject.

Raunick Tells Council of City's Health Needs

Progressive recommendations for the city's general health and welfare were made to City Council this morning in the sixth annual report of the bureau of health and sanitation.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and warmer to-night and Wednesday; lowest temperature to-night about 15 degrees.

FIND FATAL ACID HIDDEN AT HOME OF BOY SUSPECT

Unclear Enough Potassium Cyanide to Kill 100, Seeking Clues to Girl's Death

MORE ARRESTS EXPECTED

Friends Say Marian Lambert Had No Cause For Fear

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Four startling developments in the investigation of the fatal poisoning of Marian Lambert, the Lake Forest High School girl, are:

The purchase of a drug bottle by William H. Orpet, the University of Wisconsin collegian accused of the murder, just before he left Madison to keep the death tryst with the girl.

A handful of potassium cyanide—enough to kill 100 men—was found in an ash heap back of the Orpet home on the Cyrus McCormick estate, where Orpet's father is custodian.

Further arrests, for apparent attempts to conceal this evidence of crime, were declared probable by States Attorney Dady.

A brown jug containing sulphuric acid was found in the basement of a greenhouse on the McCormick estate. The burns on the Lambert girl's face have been ascribed to an acid.

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Wipe Out Water Debt

Furthermore the city water department debt this year will be entirely wiped out.

The new rates are already in effect, having become operative January 1. Harrisburg's citizens will get the benefit of the change when they receive their first quarterly bills, April 1.

Following his recommendations to Council, Commissioner Bowman introduced an ordinance authorizing the establishing of the new rates. To become effective the ordinance must be passed and approved before March 1.

The welcome decrease was announced in the 28th annual report of the water department, the second report to be presented by Mr. Bowman. It covers all the department's operations for the year ending December 31, 1915.

Earnings \$63,309.20.

The gross earnings for the year were shown to be \$176,671.97. After all the operating expenses, sinking fund and interest apportionments.

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'Chicken' Flotilla Armed With Powder Puffs Is Blockaded at Phila. Port

Philadelphia, Feb. 15.—Saucy feminine craft, decked in war paint, that bears down on the Jack Tars at the League Island Navy Yard with the avowed intention of taking the jolly man-o-war'smen prisoners, will have to veer away and tack anew, for Lieut. Commander L. P. Davis has declared war against this type of cruiser, known as the "chicken" flotilla.

Not satisfied with abolishing spooning on the gundecks and other forms of love ashore for the fellow who has been afloat, this enemy of Cupid has raised an edict against other types, which went into force yesterday.

Craft that come to League Island stripped for action with lipsticks and vanity bags, powder puffs and peroxide turrets will be repelled at the gate. Commander Davis has issued orders to the sergeants and their corps to guard to look every girl over that tries to get in.

If she shows checks that have been touched with the carmine of the rouge chamale, if her eyes show where the black pencil has supplied an aid that nature denied, out they go. "Chickens" are taboo, and, while the naval city is in inspection of the fair ones, the one whose real complexion is submerged will not get a berth inside the gates.

HARD QUAKE LASTS HOUR

Washington, Feb. 15.—A very severe earthquake was recorded this morning on the seismographs of Georgetown University here. It lasted more than an hour. The heaviest shock took place between 7.01 and 7.03 o'clock. It was approximately between 4500 and 4600 miles from Washington.

CARLISLE WOMAN BURNED

POISON VICTIM, LOVER ACCUSED OF GIVING HER DEATH POTION, AND "THE OTHER GIRL"

MARIAN LAMBERT

WILLIAM H. ORPET

CELESTIA YOUKER

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Miss Marian Lambert, a Deerfield High School girl's body was found in Helm's Woods, Lake Forest, after she had taken or had been given poison. William H. Orpet, 29-year-old University of Wisconsin student has been taken into custody pending an investigation by the authorities.

One theory is that Orpet met the girl in the woods and induced her to take the poison in a suicide pact, after he had refused to marry her and told her of his engagement to Miss Celestia Youker, a normal school teacher of De Kalb, Ill.

Orpet and Marian had been sweethearts for more than three years. Orpet claims the girl took the poison with suicidal intent and died at his feet in the woods.

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"THOU FAT PIG!" WORD THAT MAY LEAD TO CHAIR?

State's Chief Witness Says Ugliest Epithet Caused Fatal Quarrel

KOTUR FIGHTS FOR LIFE

Case of Foreigner Charged With Slaying Josep Backic Is Closing

"Thou—fat—pig!"

The ugliest word a fighting Bosnian can hurl at a fellow countryman led to the deadly quarrel in the Steelton foreign quarter the night of December 22 in which Josep Backic's life was stamped out by Nikolo Kotur.

So, at least Mike Novokovic, the State's chief witness in its trial of Nikolo Kotur, told the Dauphin county criminal jury to-day.

Novokovic, it is understood, is the only witness that actually saw Kotur strike Backic down and it is believed that Assistant District Attorney Frank B.

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Middle Western Man Will Probably Be New War Chief

Washington, Feb. 15.—President Wilson to-day went over a list of names of several prominent Middle Western lawyers in his search for a new Secretary of War. Judson Harmon, former Governor of Ohio, was among them. It was said at the White House to-day that the President had reached no decision, but was inclined to appoint a Middle Western man.

TWO DEAD IN CRASH

West Chester, Pa., Feb. 15.—In a collision of two trolley cars to-day on the Downingtown Branch, Myers Moore, motorman, was killed and Samuel Dunn, another motorman, was injured. The brakes refused to work.

Six Are Killed in Third Aerial Raid on Italian Cities Within Two Weeks

London, Feb. 15.—Reuter's correspondent at Vicenza, Italy, says tonight the aeroplanes bombarded the Italian town of Schio, 15 miles from Vicenza, yesterday, killing six persons and wounding many others. This is the third attack of the week.

Twenty-One Believed to Have Perished in Mine Fire 1,200 Feet in Earth

Butte, Mont., Feb. 15.—Twenty-one men have probably perished, according to the rescue workers at the Pennsylvania mine of the Anaconda Copper Company in a fire which broke out in one of the levels while 220 miners were at work last night.

Make Harrisburg Beautiful

WILL YOU help make Harrisburg beautiful with growing plants and window boxes next summer?

The Telegraph has a plan whereby this city may be made as beautiful in this respect as is Dayton or Birmingham or any one of the other cities of the United States noted for their floral decorations.

Furthermore, a method is being worked out whereby a well-known authority on flowers will assist this newspaper in the work, to the end that window boxes will not only be provided at figures far below anything ever offered in Harrisburg heretofore, but there will be also instructive articles on planting and care of the same, illustrated with diagrams and pictures of what has been done elsewhere.

This is no flower-selling scheme. It will cost the Telegraph a large sum for its part in the city-wide endeavor to make Harrisburg one great flower garden next summer and every summer thereafter. Watch for announcement of details.

GRATZ WILL SOON BE GIVEN WATER AND ELECTRICITY

Borough Council Grants Franchise to a Harrisburg Construction Company

FINISH WORK THIS YEAR

Town Will Also Have Fire Protection as Result of Borough Fathers' Action

Special to the Telegraph

Gratz, Pa., Feb. 14.—Before the end of the present year, Gratz will undergo two big improvements which will prove quite beneficial to the town. By the action taken at a recent meeting of the borough council, electric lights and water will come.

STEELTON TO VOTE \$80,000 LOAN IN MAY

For Street Paving, Motorized Fire Department and Garbage Collection System

ITEMS STAND SEPARATELY

Will Make Steelton Best Paved Borough in the United States

A movement to float a loan of \$80,000 for additional street paving, motorization of the borough fire department and for the establishment of a motorized system of garbage collection, was inaugurated by Steelton's borough council at a meeting last evening. The loan will be voted upon at the Presidential primaries in May. The loan will likely be divided into

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Report Plot to Blow Up Battleship at Vera Cruz to Force Intervention

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—Carranza officials have informed the State Department they have heard reports of a plot to blow up the battleship Kentucky in Vera Cruz harbor in which Consul Canada is alleged to be involved, the object being to force American intervention.

Meinself Und Der Kaiser Only Men Wilson Fear; Der Grosse T. R. Says So

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—"Me and the Kaiser" are the only two men President Wilson fears, according to Theodore Roosevelt, as quoted by Representative "Sam" Sells, one of the two Tennessee Republicans in Congress. Mr. Sells paid a visit to Oyster Bay on Friday.

Shoulder Strap Slipped and Big Audience Gaped

New York, Feb. 15.—Erna Zarska was one of the singers at the evening performance at the Metropolitan opera house, and she not only furnished good music, but also two sensations.

The first sensation was caused by her dress, which was some creation, direct from Paris, the only way to describe it is to say that the audience saw a great deal of Erna.

Be that as it may, just as the lady was about to sing and all the forgotten faces, open glasses and eyes in the audience were fastened on her, something happened. Mlle. Zarska said later that her shoulder strap slipped.

Anyway, some unfeeling person in the upper gallery softly blew a police whistle.

After a time all was forgiven the singer, she sang so well.

AFTER LEADERS IN VAST PLOT TO KILL AND BURN

Detectives Make Discovery During Investigation of Poisoning

AIMED AT CLERGYMEN

Believed Responsible For Church Fires; May Have Been Back of Plot to Kill King

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 15.—Search was started to-day for the principals in what is believed by the police to have been a plot to destroy buildings and kill members of the clergy, bankers and others in a dozen cities in various sections of the United States. Discovery of the alleged plot, according to the police, resulted from the examination of the personal effects of John Allegretti, confidant of Jean Crones, who is charged by the authorities with putting poison in soup at the banquet given Archbishop George W. Mundelin at the University Club Thursday night and causing the illness of a hundred of the guests.

Chief of Police Healey, Chief of [Continued on Page 11.]

Sulphuric Acid Tanks Explode During Fire in Phila. Munitions Plant

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 15.—Fire threatened to wipe out the Chemical works of Harrison Brothers to-day after completely destroying building No. 78, in which the blaze started.

Frame structures connecting this building with other buildings in the plant caught fire and two sulphuric acid tanks exploded.

The frame buildings housed many sulphuric acid tanks and to prevent the blaze from spreading among these was the principal effort of the firemen. The building which was destroyed was a three-story frame structure on the Schuylkill river front and was only recently erected.

CHURCH HAS NEW OPTIONS?

Harrisburg.—Reports in realty circles this afternoon that the St Lawrence German Catholic Church congregation had obtained options on the properties at Nos 110 and 114 State street, residences respectively of Miss Jeanne Pratt and M. Catherine McKee, could not be confirmed.

AWAITING MERCHANTMEN REPLIES

Washington, Feb. 15.—Secretary Lansing said after to-day's cabinet meeting that no formal replies had been received from the entente allies regarding the American suggestion for disarming merchantships. It was indicated that such replies will be awaited before United States decides finally what attitude to take toward the warning of Germany and Austria that armed merchant ships will be sunk without warning.

INSANE MAN KILLS TWO

Indianapolis, Feb. 15.—Harley Gray, 21, and Melvin Hubble, 27, both of Coal City, Ind., were shot and killed here to-day by Porter Brad, 35, also of Coal City, who went suddenly insane.

UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA ILL

Washington, Feb. 15.—George T. Marye, American ambassador to Russia is understood to be in poor health as a result of hard work and probably will retire.

CANADIAN RAILWAY OFFICES BURNING

Quebec, Feb. 15.—Firemen were called out at 2 p. m. to-day by a double alarm for a fire which had broken out in the Quebec Central Railway offices. It is said the blaze had gained considerable headway.

\$40,000 PAINTING DESTROYED

Philadelphia, Feb. 15.—A celebrated portrait in oil of Miss Melthrop, valued at \$40,000, was destroyed by fire to-day at the home of John H. McFadden, a wealthy resident of this city.

WASHINGTON, FEB. 15.—Prohibition amendments to the constitution but not woman suffrage amendments will be considered at this session of Congress. The House Judiciary Committee to-day postponed considering the Susan B. Anthony amendment until next December. Proposals to postpone prohibition were lost on a tie vote.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Iva Shank and Edna Irene Miller, Waynesboro. M. Milton Kelley and Minnie Anna Wert, city. James Broadhead Taylor and Mary Christina Plitzer, Lykens. Walter Grant Gibson, city, and Rhoda May Rosenberger, Bella Vista.

GERMANS MAKE GAINS IN ARTOIS AND CHAMPAGNE

French Declare Actions Are Not Worthy of the Price That Has to Be Paid

BELFORT IS DAMAGED

Artillery Pounds French Fortress; New Air Raids on Italy

Interest in active operations in the European struggle continues to center in the fighting along the western front where the Germans have recently been driving heavily at the French lines in several sectors, notably in the Artois and the Champagne, with successes at various points in these regions.

It is announced semi-officially in Paris that despite the seeming great activity, the German attacks in question are in reality only local actions without gains of significance. It is

King George Pleads For Annihilation of Enemies in Parliament Speech

London, Feb. 15.—Parliament re-assembled to-day. King George's speech from the throne follows:

"My Lords and Gentlemen: It has been my duty to summon you after a short recess to renew your deliberations.

"With a proud and grateful confidence I look to the courage, tenacity and resource of my navy and army, on whom we depend worthily to perform our part in the attainment of the goal.

"Gentlemen of the House of Commons, you will be asked to make due financial provision for the conduct of the war. My lords and gentlemen the only measures which will be submitted to you are such as, in the opinion of my advisers, tend to the attainment of our common object. I confidently commend them to your patriotism and loyalty and I pray that the Almighty will give His blessing to your counsels."