Fight to Kill Congressional Armed Ship Warning Reaches Decisive Stage

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J. V. W. REYNDERS RESIGNS AS VICE-PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF PENNSYLVANIA STEEL CO.

Identified With Company Many Years and Responsible For Development of Great Steelton Plant

WAS PIONEER IN "HARRISBURG PLAN"

No Great Change to Follow His Departure; Steelton to Become Simply an Operating Unit of Schwab System

J. V. W. Reynders, who for many years has been prominently identified with the management of the big steel plants at Steelton, announced to-day that he has presented his resignation as vice-president and director of the Pennsylvania Steel Company.

Mr. Reynders' resignation caused much surprise in steel circles, as it is well known that he and President E. G. Grace of the Bethlehem Steel Company which recently purchased a controlling interest in the Pennsylvania Steel Company, are warm personal friends and that Mr. Grace was enthusiastic over the Steelton properties during his recent inspection of the works.

To Remain Three Months

Mr. Reynders will remain at Steelton for a period of three months at least, putting the affairs of the Pennsylvania Steel Company in shape for the formal transfer. It is not unlikely he will be offered an important position with the Bethlehem Company, although he said to-day that his plans for the immediate future are not decided. He desires to be free from responsibility for a time in order to look carefully into several propositions that have been placed before him at intervals during the past few years and he may not be in a position to reach any conclusion for a considerable period.

Quincy Bent General Manager

Quincy Bent, at present assistant to the president at the Sparrow's Point plant, has been appointed general manager of the plants at Steelton, but he will not be a successor to Mr. Reynders, in view of the fact that the executive offices of the Bethlehem Steel company are all located at South Bethlehem and the Steelton plants wil become simply an operating unit of the great Schwab interests.

No General Changes

There will be no wholesale changes at Steelton, as the result of Mr. Reynder's resignation. He said to-day that he feels he is in a position to assure the employes of the Steelton works generally that their interests will be thoroughly safeguarded by the new owners of the property. Indeed the impression is given that, if anything, the Schwab proprietorship should improve the prospects of the men actively employed about the plant in view of the enlarged activities proposed by the new management.

President Grace made a very good

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J. V. W. REYNDERS
Who to-day resigned as Vice-President and Director of the Pennsylvania Steel Company

GRACE PRAISES REYNDERS; BENT GENERAL MANAGER; TO BE NO GENERAL CHANGES

PRESIDENT E. G. GRACE, of the Bethlehem Steel Company, speaking over the long distance phone from the offices of the Bethlehem Steel Company, 111 Broadway, N. Y., to a representative of the Telegraph to-day, said:

"Mr. Reynders' resignation must not be considered as any reflection upon his ability or his services to the company. He and I are very warm personal friends and I have a high opinion of his ability and know full well that it was he who made Steelton what it is to-day. Mr. Reynders resigned of his own voition. He is a big man in the steel business and during our recent visit to Steelton we were much pleased and impressed both with what he has done in a constructive way and with his conduct of the big enterprise.

"Of course, you will understand that we will absorb completely the Pennsylvania Steel Company and as one of its chief executive officers, Mr. Reynders goes with the others, but I wouldn't have anybody think that there is anything but the best of good feeling between us.

"Quincy Bent, assistant to the president at Sparrows Point, who is familiar with the Steelton plant, will become general manager at Steelton, but he will not have the executive authority vested in Mr. Reynders, as the executive offices of the Bethlehem Company are at South Bethlehem. He is at present in Steelton, conferring with Mr. Reynders. His appointment becomes effective at once. He will be in complete charge at Steelton.

"There are no other changes to announce. It is not our purpose to put new blood into the plant at Steelton. What we desire to do is to take the present organization and build for the future from that. There is a big opportunity ahead for advancement there. We have no desire to make any changes. First of all, it is our purpose to give every man at Steelton full and ample opportunity to make good under the new management and it is our sincere hope that there will be not one failure."

$2,000,000 Improvements For Cambria Steel Plant

Johnstown, Pa., March 7. — A. C. Dinkey, president of the Cambria Steel Company at a dinner given here last night in honor of the officers of the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company, announced that $2,000,000 will be spent in improving the local plant.

CONTINUE BRANDEIS HEARING

By Associated Press

Washington, March 7.—Inquiry into the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to be a member of the Supreme Court was continued to-day by a Senate committee with three witnesses on hand ready to testify regarding the Lennox bankruptcy cases. They were James T. Lennox, Abe Stein and Moses J. Stroock.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and somewhat warmer to-night, with lowest temperature about 35 degrees; Wednesday fair and slightly colder.
For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy to-night and Wednesday; fresh shifting winds.

River

No material changes are likely to occur in river stages except possibly the Upper West Branch, where higher temperature to-day may melt sufficient snow to start a rise and perhaps a break in the ice. A stage of about 4.3 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Wednesday morning.

General Conditions

The storm that was central over Iowa, Monday morning, has moved northeastward and is now central over Lake Huron. It has caused rain and snow in the last twenty-four hours over the country east of the Missouri river.
It is 2 to 26 degrees warmer over the greater part of the Lake Region and in the Atlantic and Gulf States and in the Upper Ohio Valley. Temperature falls of 4 to 22 degrees have occurred generally elsewhere east of the Rocky Mountains.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 26.
Sun: Rises, 6:29 a. m.; sets, 6:04 p. m.
Moon: First quarter, March 11, 1:33 p. m.
River Stage: 4.3 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather
Highest temperature, 23.
Lowest temperature, 19.
Mean temperature, 21.
Normal temperature, 34.

500 Believed Dead in Wreck of Spanish Ship; Captain Commits Suicide

Rio Janeiro, March 7.—According to the latest information, the number of deaths on the Spanish passenger steamship Principe de Asturias, which struck a rock and sank off Santos on Sunday, will reach almost 500. Among those saved was the new American consul to Santos, Charles Tradek.

The vessel was en route to Buenos Ayres from Barcelona. Over 600 passengers were on board. The catastrophe was caused, it is said, by a thick fog, in which the vessel struck a rock and sank in less than five minutes. The newspapers of this city say that it is reported that the commander of the ship committed suicide at the moment of the accident. The greater part of the officers were lost.

Dapp Formally in Field For Assembly; Petitions Are Out

Friends of Jury Commissioner Edward Dapp, this city, formally placed him well up in the race for the Republican nomination for the Legislature from this district to-day by circulating his nomination petitions.

Mr. Dapp who is widely known throughout both county and city is especially popular among the firemen and the railroad men of Harrisburg and nearby towns. He admitted he will run.

PLANE SMASHES AGAINST SHIP

Mobile, Ala., March 7. — One of the naval hydroaeroplanes at the Mardi Gras here was hurled against the mast of a schooner anchored in the Mobile river to-day and demolished. The pilot, Lieut. E. O. McDonnell, of the Naval Aviation Corps, escaped without injury.

BETTER DAYS COMING!

After a day of snow and rain, the weatherman forecasts fair and warmer weather for to-night and to-morrow with the lowest temperature about 35 degrees.

Twenty German Warships Reported to Have Left Kiel For the North Sea

By Associated Press

Rome, March 5.—Twenty German dreadnaughts have left Kiel, according to information received here to-day.

The foregoing dispatch was held up by the British censor for two days. Another dispatch filed in London at 3:25 o'clock this morning said that a fleet of German warships was observed Monday cruising in the North Sea. This message was received in London from Vlieland, North Holland.

Discuss Needs of City at Dinner of Real Estate Board

Harrisburg's most urgent needs today are a modern hotel and high school, according to tacit agreement of the speakers who had a part in the program at the monthly dinner of the Harrisburg Real Estate Board last evening at the Colonial Country Club.

The principal speaker was William H. Ball, private secretary to Governor Brumbaugh, who talked on the work of the Philadelphia Real Estate Board, of which he is vice-president. Other speakers were J. William Bowman, C. L. McColgin, the president and secretary, respectively, of the Chamber of Commerce, State Senator E. E. Beidleman and Charles E. Covert.

Within the next few days President Herman P. Miller, of the board, will name the three or five members of the organization who will rperesent Harrisburg at the national convention of real estate boards of the United States in New Orleans, March 27-30. A letter from national headquarters was read by C. Vernon Rettew urging Harrisburg's real estate board to send representatives

PENBROOK AND PLEASANTVIEW MIGHT COME IN SIMULTANEOUSLY

Borough Considers Joining With Township in Harrisburg Movement; Council Takes No Definite Action; Question Up to Taxpayers and Voters

'HARDSCRABBLE' DATE IS POSTPONED AGAIN

City Commissioners Unanimously Decide to Await Court's Action; First Steps in Bond Problem; Want Lighting Scheme Rearranged

Penbrook as well as Pleasantview in the near future may seek annexation to Harrisburg.

Neither the city, township nor borough authorities have taken any definite steps as yet toward extending the corporate limits of the municipality to include these neighboring towns, although the question was discussed at length yesterday afternoon at the informal conference of the councilmen.

Following to-day's session of council Commissioner Harry F. Bowman, who first broached the matter, said that no action will probably be taken by Harrisburg until the residents in the towns seeking annexation act.

Pleasantview Divided?

Pleasantview residents are more or less divided on the subject, Mr. Bowman said; some want to come in and others do not desire annexation. The incorporation of Pleasantview with Harrisburg would have to be done by petition to the court to appoint viewers or a commission on the question; Penbrook's citizens would have to decide the problem by vote of the people at a regular election. Until these steps

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FIRST TEST VOTE ON ARMED SHIPS IN HOUSE WON BY ADMINISTRATION

Vote of 256 to 160 Brings McLemore Resolution to Warn Americans Off Armed Ships Up For Debate With Every Prospect That It Would Be Tabled

PARTY LINES ARE FORGOTTEN IN FRAY

Representatives Applaud Assertion "That All the Imps of Hell Never Devised a More Infamous Lie Than That President Wants War"

By Associated Press

Washington, March 7.—In the first test vote in the House to-day on the armed ship question the Administration forces won 256 to 160.

Opportunity for amending the McLemore resolution to warn Americans off the armed ships of European belligerents was removed, and the House turned to debate on the resolution itself with every indication that it would be tabled as President Wilson desires as a demonstration to foreign nations that dissensions against his foreign policy do not represent the majority of Congress.

The question to adopt the special rule was then put. Representative Campbell demanded the yeas and nays and at 1.16 o'clock the roll call was begun on the adoption of the rule to consider the warning resolution.

Another Victory

The rule providing for four hours' debate on the motion to table the McLemore warning resolution was adopted by 271 to 138.

With this action the administration forces put over another victory and placed the McLemore resolution be-

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"JITNEY" COST H'B'G RAILWAYS $33,000 DURING '15, STATEMENT

Annual Report of President Frank B. Musser Lays the Blame For Big Falling Off in Earnings to "Irregulated" Business of Last Summer

INVESTMENT INCOME WAS ALSO LOWER

Gross Operating Revenue $914,936.07, Decrease of $78,992.52; Carried Million and Quarter Less Passengers Than in 1914; No Serious Accidents.

According to the annual report of F. B. Musser, president of the Harrisburg Railways Company, submitted to the company's stockholders at the annual meeting in the Railway Company's building this morning, the company's net income for the year ending December 31, 1915 was $38,666.92 less than the net income for the year 1914. The jitney is held responsible for the decrease. The company's net earnings in 1915 were $187,819.08 and in 1914 the net earnings totaled $221,329.89, a decrease for 1915 of $33,510.81. The income from investments during 1915 was also lower than in 1914 so with this the total net income for the year is reduced by $38,666.92. The profits and loss statement shows a balance on hand December 31, 1915, of $20,926.70 as against $21,615.58 on hand December 31, 1914.

Haul Million and Quarter Less

The gross operating revenue for the year was $914,936.07, a decrease over 1914 of $78,992.55. During the year 1915 the company's cars carried 22,435,553 passengers, a total of 1,225,748 less than the number carried in 1914. The operating expenses for the

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GERMANS POUND WAY TO VERDUN IN NEW DRIVE ON BOTH FLANKS

Kaiser's Troops Assault and Take Town of Forges, Nine Miles Northwest of Fortress, but Fail to Take Heights Commanding Situation

VILLAGE OF FRESNES IN SOUTHEAST FALLS

Hill No. 265 Also Captured in Terrific Onslaught While Thousands Fall; Continue Bombardment of Le Morte Homme and Other Elevations

Massed forces of Germans are now pounding simultaneously on both flanks of the French defenses of Verdun in an effort to roll them back upon the fortress.

To the northwest they have battled their way south from Forges, nine miles from Verdun, debouching to the east along the railroad skirting the west bank of the Meuse and likewise driving directly south where a full division of at least twelve thousand men stormed hill No. 265 and captured it despite the decimation of its ranks by French artillery and machine guns.

To the southeast they have driven successfully at the village of Fresnes, twelve miles from the fortress, which the French have been holding tenaciously although the Germans already possessed Manheulles and Champion on other side.

Want Crest of Hills

The immediate purpose of the German attack west of the Meuse is believed in Paris to be the capture of the crest of hills from which the French long range guns were able to span the distance across the Meuse and hamper the Germans in their at-

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BIG CHANGES IN HIGHWAY BUREAU BASED ON MERITS

Commissioner Cunningham Creates Five Engineering Districts For Townships

Promotions in the State Highway Department, based on the merit system, under which this department is operating under the present administration, were announced to-day, affecting the engineering division and the bureau of township highways.

In the engineering division P. M. Tebbs, assistant engineer, who has been in charge of District No. 12, with headquarters at Scranton, is promoted to the post of engineer of construction, with headquarters at Harrisburg, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of John T. Gephart, Jr.

W. A. VanDuzer, assistant engineer, who has been in charge of District No. 6, with headquarters at York, is transferred to Scranton to succeed Mr. Tebbs.

The vacancy thus created in the York district is filled by the appointment of Charles W. Erisman, who has been a draftsman in the bureau of township highways and who is now appointed acting assistant engineer in charge of District No. 6.

All of the above promotions are effective at once.

Township System Changes

In the bureau of township highways the State has been divided into five

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ATTACKED WITHOUT WARNING

Amsterdam, March 7.—The Dutch steamer Bandoeng was attacked by a submarine without warning while in the Mediterranean Sea on its journey home from India, according to the Nieuw Rotterdamsche Courant. The Bandoeng escaped with slight damage to its lifeboats and reached Rotterdam on Sunday.

MARTIN URGES WILSON

By Associated Press

Washington, D. C., March 7.—In a statement to-day Senator Martin, Democrat, of New Jersey, announced his determination not to be a candidate for delegate-at-large to the Democratic national convention because of his decision to be a candidate for the Senate to succeed himself and urged the renomination of President Wilson.

M'VEYTOWN IS BACKING WILLIAM PENN PROJECT

Meeting of Highway Boosters Arouses Strong Sentiment

McVeytown, Pa., March 7.—Interest in the meeting of the William Penn Highway boosters in Harrisburg on March 27 is increasing in this district daily and as the time for the gathering draws near plans are being made to send a delegation of representative citizens from this borough to the session in the Capital City. A meeting of the highway boosters in this vicinity has already been held here and another meeting is scheduled. The borough council is acquainting itself with the advantages of having the town on the route and petitions, which are being signed by scores, are in circulation in the town and the adjoining townships.

Recently there was some discussion of having the highway follow the State road from Reedsville to Mill Creek, through the Kishacoquillas Valley. This road would be reached by going from Lewistown to Reedsville over a toll road, which at some future time will be taken over by the State. Of course, this route would eliminate the Juniata Valley route from Lewistown to Mill Creek and incidentally McVeytown would not find a place along the highway. The route through McVeytown would follow the old turnpike from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh and it is just because there is a slight possibility of changing the

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ORPET INDICTED FOR MURDER

Chicago, Ill., March 7.—Will H. Orpet, University of Wisconsin student, was indicted by a Lake county grand jury on a charge of murdering his former sweetheart, Marian Lambert. The case probably will be called for trial next week. It is charged that the tragedy was the culmination of a liaison, that it was precipitated by Orpet's transferring his affections to another woman and that he provided a violent poison which the girl swallowed.

DISCUSS SWISS CRISIS

By Associated Press

Berne, March 7.—The political and economic crisis in which Switzerland remains plunged through the war was the chief subject of consideration at the opening session to-day of the Federal Chamber in National Council.

HERE GIRLS, YOU MAY TAKE A PUNCH AT THE MALE FLIRT

Arkansas Judge Rules That Woman Is Justified in Breaking Her Umbrella Over Head of Man Who Threw Kisses at Her

By Associated Press

Little Rock, Ark., March 7. — woman is justified in inflicting corporal punishment upon a male flirt who annoys her, the State Supreme court has ruled in affirming the $250 damages which a lower court had awarded Mrs. Nettie Trussell, of Hot Springs, a school teacher, against the Memphis and Dallas and Gulf railroad.

According to testimony a male passenger on a train of the defendant railroad stood in the center of the car in which Mrs. Trussell was riding and winked and threw kisses at her. Then he approached her. Mrs. Trussell broke her umbrella over his head. The Supreme court in its opinion handed down yesterday, rules that not only was Mrs. Trussell justified in her action, but was entitled to recover damages for the annoyance and humiliation to which she was subjected.

LATE U. E. APPOINTMENTS

York.—Appointments announced late this afternoon by the Central Pennsylvania conference of the United Evangelical Church included the following ministers to pulpits: Carlisle, the Rev. I. E. Spangler; Mt. Holly, the Rev. L. E. Crumbling; Liverpool, the Rev. C. A. Fray, under presiding elder; Millersburg, the Rev. L. Dice, mission; Mifflin, the Rev. W. H. Lilly.

BLOODY BATTLE AT OCOTLAN

Washington, March 7.—Ocotlan, fifteen miles south of Oaxaca was recaptured yesterday by Carranza troops after what was described in unofficial advices to the Mexican embassy as a "bloody battle." Two unnamed rebel generals were reported killed.

AIR AND SEA FLEETS GROWING

London, March 7.—A. J. Balfour, first lord of the Admiralty, stated in the House of Commons this afternoon that the tonnage of the British navy had been increased by 1,000,000 since the outbreak of the war, while the strength of the air division of the navy had grown ten fold.

REYNDERS APPOINTS BENT

Vice-President J. V. W. Reynders, late this afternoon formally appointed Mr. Bent to the position of general manager. The executive order was as follows:

"Mr. Quincy Bent is hereby appointed general manager in charge of operations of the Steelton plant, taking effect from this date.

"(Signed) J. V. W. REYNDERS,
"Vice-President."

Berlin, March 7, via London. — The war office announced to-day that the village of Fresnes, in the Woevre southeast of Verdun, was captured this morning by Germans.

Washington, March 7.—The nomination of Newton D. Baker, former Mayor of Cleveland, to be Secretary of War, was sent to the Senate, to-day.

Harrisburg. — For injuries sustained when he was knocked down by an automobile last summer, driven by Isaac Brenner, Herman Walinsky has sued Sarah Brenner, owner of the machine, for $5,000.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Irvin B. Funk and Mary Brubaker, Hershey.