



SCHOOL TAX IS NOT TO JUMP FOR SEVERAL YEARS

Big Decrease in Deficit Reported by Secretary D. D. Hammelbaugh

NEW ARCHITECT PLAN COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ARRANGE FOR DEDICATION OF W. S. STEELE BUILDING

A big decrease in the deficit of the city's school board funds at the close of the year, with the tax rate probably remaining the same for the next few years was a feature of the report which D. D. Hammelbaugh, secretary of the school board, told the directors yesterday afternoon at their semi-monthly session.

The deficit at the beginning of this year was \$115,000 and from present indications this will be cut down to \$40,000 at the end of the present school year.

One of the features of the meeting yesterday afternoon was a resolution offered by Dr. William N. Yates with a substitute for Section 68 in the present rules. His resolution follows: "The selecting of an architect for new buildings, or the repair or remodeling of old ones shall be made by the board by competition."

Request of the Galahad Recreation Club in Allison Hill for the use of the gymnasium in the Shimmell building November 27 started a discussion of the wider use of the public schools in Harrisburg and the construction of social centers. Other organizations were given permission to use Technical High School auditorium.

To Dedicate Steele Building Dr. F. E. Downes, Secretary Hammelbaugh with a committee of three directors have been authorized to arrange for the dedication ceremonies of the new W. S. Steele building. President A. Carson Stamm, Superintendent Downes and Chairman Harry A. Boyer of the building committee will spend a week inspecting various high schools and studying their construction and systems thoroughly. A report will be made to the board later. Contracts were awarded as follows:

Filing cases for a card record system covering all the pupils in the city to David W. Cotterell at his bid of 55 cents for 255 for teachers' use and \$2.00 each for 25 for principal's use; 15,000 blue and 15,000 white record cards for the card system to Roberts & Meek at their bid of \$3.90 per 1,000; printing tax books at \$39.50 and 2,000 blank cards at \$1.00 to the Auginbaugh Press, the lowest bidder.

Seven Ammunition Ships Are Reported Blown Up With Heavy Death Toll

Berlin, Nov. 18 (via wireless to Sayville).—Seven ammunition steamers recently were blown up in the harbor of Archangel, according to a Russian newspaper published in Archangel, says the Overseas News Agency, which quotes the paper as saying: "This evening Archangel was terrified by an appalling explosion, which seemed that the whole port was aflame. At 6.15 p. m. seven ammunition steamers which had arrived in the morning were blown up. The explosion was so enormous that iron fragments were scattered 700 yards away. The port for several minutes resembled a burning volcano and pieces of glowing iron fell. All the port establishments were endangered (deleted by Russian censor). This thirty-seven storehouses were razed. The damage is estimated (suppressed by the censor) at millions of rubles. "According to the latest statement (number suppressed by censor), corpses were found.

Seven hundred and sixty-three severely injured persons were taken to hospitals. However, the number of victims will be found to be considerably larger when the ground has been cleared. Access to the port district continues to be forbidden."

Dispatches to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Stockholm on November 18 quoted a Russian newspaper as saying that the Russian ammunition steamer, the Baron Brecht, was blown up in the harbor of Archangel, causing the death of 150 persons and wounding 650.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Sunday, not much change in temperature; lowest temperature to-night about 30 degrees. For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Sunday, not much change in temperature; moderate to fresh southwest to west winds.

PEACE MOVEMENT ABOUT TO ASSUME DEFINITE SHAPE

Already in Touch With U. S. Is Assertion; Call Soon to Be Made For Conference

BELLIGERENTS SOUNDED REPORTED REQUESTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THEM TO SEND DELEGATES TO MEETING

Berlin, Nov. 17, via London, Nov. 18.—The movement for peace negotiations, according to reports from "the Swiss frontier," which were printed by the Koelnische Zeitung is about to assume definite shape in the form of a joint call from various neutral governments to the belligerents asking them to send delegates to a peace conference. The reports assert that several European neutrals are already in touch with the American government and that various belligerents have been sounded on the proposition of a peace conference.

In authoritative official circles here it is stated that no facts are known upon which the Koelnische Zeitung's story could be based while it is considered not impossible that neutral governments may be considering some such step.

Two Early Morning Fires Cause Small Losses

Two early morning fires caused \$600 damage at the Imperial Hardware Company and a slight loss at the St. James Hotel where a number of Christmas toys were stored and caused a \$300 loss to stock before it could be extinguished. The building is owned by Sidney Seidel, and was damaged to an extent of \$200.

This fire is another example of the need of the city for an inside wire inspector, says Chief Kinder. The fire at the St. James Hotel was started by a lighted cigarette carelessly flung into a waste basket. A bell hop seized the basket and flung it through a window. The flaming basket lodged on the awning. The awning was destroyed.

Two-Cent Newspaper Will Soon Be Universal

Every means is being adopted by the newspaper publishers of the country to meet the extraordinary expense resulting from the unprecedented cost of news print. Increase of the price of newspapers from one to two cents is almost universal. All manner of economies are being resorted to and with practically no exception the public is responding to the unusual conditions which confront the publishers.

Co-operative purchasing of news print paper by the members of the North Carolina Press Association has been decided upon by the print paper committee of the association as the only means of obtaining a supply during 1917 at a price that will enable the papers to exist.

The plan which Mr. Varner and others have carefully planned is for all to place their order in bulk with the mills direct, eliminating the middleman, and thus getting the best price obtainable. The committee believes there is an excellent chance of this plan being put into effect and that it offers what appears to be the only plausible solution of the situation facing publishers.

Since 1909 eleven paper mills in the United States have ceased to produce news print and in the near future ten more mills will turn all of their machines to other grades of paper, reducing the supply hundreds of tons annually. Still other mills have partially closed from news print to other grades, which are more profitable. This aggravates the newspaper famine.

The Kansas City Star has increased its subscription rate from \$5.29 to \$7.50 a year. Scores of papers have gone from one to two cents per copy. Many Canadian dailies and weeklies have increased subscription rates fifty per cent.

C. J. RONEY DIES

Philadelphia, Nov. 18.—Charles J. Roney, a former State representative and one of the best known young lawyers in this city, died suddenly of heart disease at a hospital here last night. Mr. Roney had been undergoing treatment for about a week and had apparently recovered when he suffered a relapse. He was 32 years old. Mr. Roney was admitted to the bar March 3, 1906, and was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1910. He was re-elected in 1912 and 1914. At the last election he again was a candidate but was defeated. His friends attributed his weakened health to depression which followed his political defeat.

WILLIAMS WINS RUN

Boston, Mass., Nov. 18.—Williams College to-day won the annual New England intercollegiate cross-country championship, defeating the University of Maine, last year's winner, and six other colleges.

WINTER GRIPS GERMANY

London, Nov. 18.—Germany is in the grip of winter, the Exchange Telegraph's Bern correspondent reports. Several trains from Berlin are snow-bound near the Swiss frontier, where extreme cold prevails.

ARREST CASHIER IN SOUTH

Boston, Mass., Nov. 18.—Word was received here to-day of the arrest at Miami, Fla., of Edward Therkel, a cashier, on a charge of having stolen several thousand dollars from the Calumet National Bank of this city.

NEWS NOTE: NO MORE CHEAP CHRISTMAS CIGARS



PRINCETON AND YALE FIGHTING ANNUAL BATTLE

Neither Team Scores in First Period; Eli's Show Great Offensive Strength

Palmer Stadium, Princeton, N. J., Nov. 18.—The eleven of Yale and Princeton universities met here this afternoon in their annual football game before a record gathering of spectators and under perfect playing conditions. For the first time since the memorial arena was opened in 1914 the huge stadium was filled with adherents of the two institutions more than 35,000 being present when the kickoff inaugurated the contest.

The weather was all that either players or spectators could desire. A cloudless blue vault overhung the stadium from which hazy autumn's sun smiled down upon the gathering. The throngs were running through signal drills before the rival cheering sections swung into the stadium. The Princeton clan, several hundred strong, paraded across the campus headed by a band and gave a great cheer for Yale as they passed the blue section of the stands. The Eli's responded with a yell for the Tigers and the arena rang with songs and cheers for opposing eleven until the referee called upon the teams to line up.

Yale won the toss and elected to defend the north goal with the wind at its back.

Gennert kicked off to Legore who was downed on his own 37-yard line. Yale failed to advance the ball, and Legore punted to Ames, who ran the ball back five yards and was downed on Princeton's 25-yard line. The play was recalled and Yale was penalized.

SUE FOR LOSS OF TUG

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 18.—Papers in a libel action to recover for the loss of the tug Thomas A. Scott, Jr., against the German nudersea merchantman Deutschland were filed in the United States district court here to-day by Foye H. Murphy, attorney for the T. A. Scott Company, Inc., of New London, owners of the tug, the value of which is given as \$12,000.

CONDEMN BOOZE AND TOBACCO

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 18.—Mrs. Edith S. Davis, of Evanston, Ill., addressing the second day's sessions of the annual convention here of the National Women's Christian Union, declared "even greater than the voting at the ballot box are the signs of unrest that come from the business world. Business has linked hands with the W. C. T. U., and they are working together." The value of early training of children was emphasized by Mrs. Helen L. Bullock, of Elmira, N. Y. Condemnation of the use of tobacco was voiced by Mrs. Eliza B. Ingalls, of St. Louis.

THEVES ROB POST OFFICE

Honeybrook, Pa., Nov. 18.—Residents of this place at the foot of the Welsh Mountains were startled at 2 o'clock yesterday morning by an explosion when thieves blew open the safe in the post office and got away with \$150 in money and postage stamps.

M. E. CONVENTION OPENS HERE MONDAY AFTERNOON

By CLAYTON ALBERT SMUCKER More than four thousand Methodist men are expected to arrive in the city Monday for the Pennsylvania Convention of Methodist Men, which opens in Chestnut Street Hall Monday afternoon. Special trains carrying hundreds of delegates from all parts of the State will arrive in the city Monday and Tuesday. A special committee will meet all delegates and conduct them to the convention headquarters at the Chestnut Street Auditorium, where they will be registered before they are assigned to lodging and eating places throughout the city.

Asserts Farmers Under Estimated Crop Reports to Force Up Food Prices

New York, Nov. 18.—An assertion that western farmers underestimated their crops in reports submitted to the Federal government and thereby forced up the price of wheat, potatoes, onions and cabbage is the latest contribution to the high cost of food investigation here. Mr. Hartigan's investigations convinced him, he said, that the government estimate of the wheat crop in this country this year was based on statistics furnished by the farmers, who "knowingly concealed at least 25 per cent. of their wheat crops."

DENY CROP RUMORS

Washington, Nov. 18.—Department of Agriculture officials to-day deny the assertion of Joseph Hartigan, New York commissioner of weights and measures, that Western farmers knowingly underestimated their crops in reports to the Federal government and thus forced up the price of wheat, potatoes, onions and cabbage. It was insisted at the department that there is a material shortage of wheat to the first aid hospital where department officials assert the crop estimates are not based alone on reports from farmers but from the government's own field agents in each State.

Miners' Narrow Escape at Short Mountain Colliery

Gratz, Pa., Nov. 18.—While engaged at work at a place known as West-side at the Short Mountain colliery, Thomas Umholtz, Clarence Willier, of Gratz, and Raymond Snyder, of Powis Valley, were covered by a rush of tons of coal when a set of timbers fell over. Mr. Umholtz was able to get one arm loose and thereby worked his face clear, enabling him to call for help. After being dug out they were taken to the first aid hospital where their wounds were dressed. Willier received a badly bruised foot and arm. Umholtz had his ankle hurt, and Snyder was bruised about the legs and body.

Now New York Is Going to Abolish Its Horse Cars

New York, Nov. 18.—The last of the historic horse cars will be taken from the streets of New York April 1, 1917, according to notification received by the Public Service Commission from the New York Railways Company, which announces that its new cars of the storage battery type will be ready for separate by that date.

FO SEPARATE STEAMSHIP LINES

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—Complete divorcement of the New Haven Railroad's nine steamship lines from the parent company was urged in a brief filed to-day with the Interstate Commerce Commission by Alexander H. Elder as an attorney for the commission.

Two Private Companies Will Build Fourteen New Torpedoboat Destroyers

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—Awards for the construction of fourteen of the torpedoboat destroyers authorized by the last naval appropriation bill were announced by the Navy Department to-day. The Fore River Shipbuilding Corporation, Quincy, Mass., will construct eight, and the Union Iron Works Company, San Francisco, six vessels.

Phila. and Norfolk Navy Yards to Be Improved

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—As the result of the decision to award contracts for four battleships and sixteen destroyers to private builders, the Navy Department probably will spend the \$6,000,000 available for improvement of government plants on the navy yards at Philadelphia and Norfolk. No final decision has been reached, but officials say the indications are that the money will be divided about equally between the two places. The appropriation places the expenditure entirely within the discretion of the secretary.

PIG IRON ADVANCES

Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 18.—The fourth successive advance in pig iron within a month was announced here to-day making quotations for Bessemer \$30, basic \$27 and foundry \$25. Valley furnace, with 95 cents a ton added for delivery in Pittsburgh. In the past thirty days there has been an average advance of \$6 a ton in all districts, more than the entire advance for the calendar year of 1915.

COAL JUMPS AGAIN

Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 18.—Etumonium coal prices at the mine were further advanced here to-day 25 cents a ton.

"LOVE INSURANCE"

The Next Instalment of "Love Insurance" will appear in the Telegraph on Monday. Mechanical difficulties in the composing room of the newspaper require the omission of the serial story to-day.

STRONGER STAND AGAINST TEUTONS MADE BY ALLIES

Russians and Rumanians Drive Invaders Back in Campulung Sector

SERBS NEAR MONASTIR

Push Forward on Eastern Side as French Advance From the South

Stronger resistance apparently is being offered by the Rumanians to the pressure of the Austro-German invading forces in Northern Wallachia. In the important Campulung sector, where the invaders have pressed to within some three miles of this city along the roads leading to the Rumanian plain, Bucharest asserts the Rumanians made progress in yesterday's fighting. Berlin, reporting on the Campulung situation, asserts that the Rumanian efforts to drive back the Germans in this region failed with heavy losses. To the west it is declared the Teutonic armies have further penetrated Rumanian territory in the Alt and Jul valleys.

On the Macedonian front, Paris reports the Serbians successfully extending their flanking operation northward, east of Monastir, and the French to be pressing the inner defenses of the city closer on the south. Berlin records the defeat of attacks by entente forces on the plains south of the city and in the Cerna river region and the recapture of a height near Chehel in the bend of the Cerna, east of Monastir.

Petrograd reports the bringing down of a Zeppelin airship by Russian troops near Saray, on the Russian front southeast of Plinck.

HAGERSTOWN, TOO!

Hagerstown, Md., Nov. 18.—The work of a gang of robbers who have entered twenty-six houses in this city since Tuesday night is baffling the entire police force. "Mr. Editor:—Just want to tell you about my porch box. I had a beautiful one and was very proud of it. All summer I took SUCH good care of it and gave it 80 much time and trouble. On Tuesday evening some grown-up boys or young men stopped for a moment outside the house, pulled the box off the porch, overturned it—and ruined all my plants! I did not see the boys but I know they were not small boys because small boys couldn't handle the heavy box. I just thought I'd write and tell you, Mr. Editor."

TO DISCUSS LIGHT

Dr. John P. Mohler, professor of physics at Dickinson college will speak on the subject of "Light" to the members of the Sphinx Club of the Harrisburg Academy at 8 o'clock this evening. An invitation to attend has been extended to the scientific classes of both Tech and Central.

EXPECT MAYOR'S REQUEST FOR 30 POLICE TUESDAY

City Executive May Offer First Specific Appropriation Ordinance Next Week

DUBIOUS OVER TAX RATE

Commissioners "Hope" to Keep Within Present Limits

Thirty additional policemen, it is understood, will be asked for in an ordinance which Mayor E. S. Meals expects to offer Tuesday in Council. It will be the first of several specific appropriation measures which must be considered by the City Commissioners in the preparation of the 1917 budget. That Mayor Meals will insist upon provision for thirty officers has been generally anticipated in city circles, but whether the finances will permit this number is a matter of grave conjecture among the budget makers. All the commissioners, of course, hope to keep the rate to its present basis of 9 1/2 mills, but the wisecracks in

Vandals Ruthlessly Sweep Away Works of Loving Care on Flowerbox

The story of the ruthless sweeping away of the results of weeks of careful, loving labor, some quietly grieving tears—and the uproariously funny tale of some fun that made last Tuesday night joyous, related in pool room of saloon—is stumped up in a postcard which reached the Telegraph in to-day's mail. The card speaks for itself; it is from a feminine reader at 434 Boas street. Here's the story: "Just want to tell you about my porch box. I had a beautiful one and was very proud of it. All summer I took SUCH good care of it and gave it 80 much time and trouble. On Tuesday evening some grown-up boys or young men stopped for a moment outside the house, pulled the box off the porch, overturned it—and ruined all my plants! I did not see the boys but I know they were not small boys because small boys couldn't handle the heavy box. I just thought I'd write and tell you, Mr. Editor."

FOOTBALL SCORES

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Includes Yale, Princeton, Bucknell, Gettysburg, Harvard, Brown, Michigan, Penna.

The Harrisburg Academy overwhelmed Gettysburg Academy by the score of 99 to 0 this morning in a game here.

RESTA LEADING GRAND PRIZE ROAD RACE

Santa Monica, Cal., Nov. 18.—Resta led at the fifth lap of the grand prize road race with Pullen, Cooper and Wilcox following. His time was 29.02.28. Aitken withdrew in the second lap with a broken piston. Pullen turned over on a curve but neither he nor his mechanic was hurt.

FOREIGNERS IN PARRAL REPORTED DEAD

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 18.—From a Chinese refugee from Parral, United States government agents here to-day received a report that all of the foreigners remaining in Parral, exclusive of the five known to have left for Culican and thought to have arrived here, had been killed by the Villa bandits.

PASSENGER STEAMER DISABLED AND LEAKING

Washington, Nov. 18.—The American steamer Anvil, trading between San Francisco and Central American ports, was reported to-day by Admiral Caperton of San Jose Del Cabo, Lower California, leaking and with engines disabled. A number of passenger are aboard. The collier Saturn is speeding to her assistance.

WILL NOT INVESTIGATE HIGH PRICES

Washington, Nov. 18.—The Federal Trade Commission announced to-day that it will not undertake an investigation of the high prices of necessities of life because it largely would be a duplication of the work of the Department of Justice under the Sherman antitrust law.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harry Hobart Wolf and Martha Elizabeth Sebright, East Berlin. Albert Arthur Froek and Bernice Olivia Gertrude Angell, Gettysburg.