

BATHHOUSE IS LUXURY INSISTS SUPT. W. H. LYNCH

Improvement Commissioner Says "Necessities" Should Be Provided First

City Council, in special budget-making session behind closed doors, this evening, will likely attempt to lop the \$5,000 from the park estimate which had been included to provide for a municipal bathhouse and bathing beach.

City Commissioner William H. Lynch, superintendent of streets and public improvements, who discussed this possibility to-day, declared that Council's first duty is to provide for "necessities."

Commissioner Lynch said the bathhouse and bathing beach are "luxuries."

Whether or not the budget makers would actually cut out the provision which Park Commissioner Gross has incorporated for the bathing facilities in the Susquehanna notwithstanding the widespread demand and general belief of Harrisburg's citizens that Council would take steps to relieve the situation during the coming year, Mr. Lynch said he cannot definitely say. If the item is cut out, Mr. Gross said, he purposes telling the public why.

"I don't know what Council will do about it," said Mr. Lynch, "but I don't see how it can let this item in the budget. We haven't come to that meeting to-night."

"Do you not believe that the \$5,000 as allowed for by Mr. Gross should be kept in the budget?" he was asked.

"Why, I think we ought to take care of the necessities first."

"What would you call the bathhouse and bathing beach facilities?"

"Luxuries," said Mr. Lynch. "Harrisburg has provided the best water front along the Susquehanna. We've given 'em a dam. What more do they want?"

"Doesn't Council mean to divert some of the surplus funds of the Water Department to the general revenue? If at least fifty thousand dollars is diverted in this way, won't that allow Council to spend \$5,000 for the bathhouse?"

"We might get some more money, but there are too many other improvements that must be taken care of. The city is growing. More money will be required for lighting, for street repairing, etc. There are lots of things that must be taken care of."

"Whose Business?"

"Why not make public some of the things that are being considered behind closed doors?" a reporter asked.

"Why not let the public know about your plans in an interview?"

"What business is it of yours?" City Commissioner Lynch heatedly returned.

Apparently, Mr. Lynch forgot the communication to Council of October 1916, from the Greater Harrisburg Navy—the organization of the city's several hundred canoeists, motor boatmen and other water sportsmen in which it referred to the importance of providing municipal bathing beach and bathhouse facilities. Which Council received and filed and spread on its journal, by the way.

RAILROAD NEWS IGNORE RELIEF ON CAR SHORTAGE

Reading and Lehigh Valley Refusing Due to Excess Equipment Is Report

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—In line with its announced policy of bringing before the bar of public opinion the railroads which do not co-operate in car redistribution plans, the commission on car service of the American Railway Association announced last night that eight roads had failed to carry out recommended redistribution measures. The announcement expresses a hope "that these lines will at once show a marked improvement in their performance."

The Boston and Albany, Maine Central, Lehigh Valley, Philadelphia and Reading, New York Central, Michigan Central, the Washash and the Toledo and Ohio Central.

"It is clearly apparent," says the announcement, "that these companies, having an excess of box car equipment, have not complied with the request of the commission on car service to deliver a designated excess of box cars to southern and western connections above the number of box cars received from such connections."

"Excess Car Equipment" Several other roads, it was said, appeared to have been derelict in complying with requests for box car redistribution, but that information regarding them was not complete. The announcement stated also that a number of roads had not shown the desired improvement in aiding redistribution of coal cars, but that factors other than the good will of the roads themselves had entered into that situation.

Standing of the Crews

HARRISBURG SIDE
Philadelphia Division — 194 crew to go first after 4 p. m.: 125, 107, 127, 103, 114, 117.
Engineer for 104.
Firemen for 125, 107.
Brakemen for 104, 125, 127, 114.
Engineers up: Mahire, McWell, Madenford, Sawyer, Dobby, Gemmill.
Firemen up: Swartz, Kugle, Naylor.
Brakemen up: Will, Stone, Kirk.
Middle Division — 219 crew to go first after 12.40 p. m.: 24.
Engineer for 24.
Firemen for 24.
Engineers up: Buckwalter, Peters, Leppard, Bomberger, Hummer.
Firemen up: J. R. Rumberger, Adams.
Conductor up: Coup.

YARD CREWS HARRISBURG
Engineers up: Snyder, Leiby, Fulton, Pells, McConnell, Runkle, Wise, Watts, Cleland, Saxford, Matson, Machamer, Gibbons, Cless, Sisher.
Firemen up: Pelfer, Snell, J. F. Fleisher, Blottenger, Burger, Wagner, Keiser, St. A., Warner, Myers, Steele, Hardy, Wilhelm, Walters, Bruck.
Engineers for 2nd S, 3rd S, 14, 16, 18, 2nd 24, 3rd 24, 4th 24, 56, 60, 26, 76.
Firemen for 1st S, 3rd S, 14, 18, 3rd 24, 28, 56, 60.
ENOLA SIDE
Philadelphia Division — 238 crew to go first after 4 p. m.: 213, 237, 215, 221, 212, 236, 208, 209, 242.
Engineers for 213, 217.
Firemen for 234, 209.
Brakemen for 213, 217.
Flagen for 63, 42.
Brakemen for 66, 13, 15, 25.
Middle Division — 212 crew first to go after 4.55 p. m.: 233.
Engineers up: Rieder, Hill, Boyer, Kling, Smith, Branyon, Bretz, Kaufman, Reese, Keppard.
Firemen up: Halbert, Myers, Brandt, Reed, Backenst, Hinkle, Murray, Walsh, Book, Eichelberger, Guilerman.
Engineers for 2nd 108, 3rd 124.
Firemen for 1st 108, 132, 3rd 124, 2nd 102, 110.
READING CREWS
The S crew first to go after 6 a. m.: 14, 19, 16.
The R crew first to go after 11.43 a. m.: 68, 52, 68, 54.
Engineer for 74.
Firemen for 14, 17, 19, 20.
Conductors for 8, 17, 19, 52.
Brakemen for 61, 66, 17, 20.
Engineers up: Meritt, Morne, Tetrom, Kaufman, Freed, Hoffman, Richmond, Welcomer, Griffith.
Firemen up: Martin, Billie, Stormitt, Miller, Geib, Sanders, Bueher.
Conductors up: Ging, Somers, Kaufman.
Brakemen up: Smith, Hoffman, Smith, Davis, Ensminger, Stambaugh.

TO DOUBLE SHOE PLANT
Extensive additions are being made to the factory of Devine and Yungel, shoe manufacturers. Sixteenth and State streets, which when completed will practically double the capacity of the present plant. Rush orders and accumulated contracts are given as the principal reasons for the big improvement. Work is being pushed so that the extension will be ready for occupancy as soon as possible. Additional machinery will be installed and more employees will be needed as soon as the improvements are completed.

SIX CHILDREN DESERTED
Deserted at this season of the year when parents and a home mean most, six children from two families were taken in charge by the Associated Aid Societies yesterday. The one family includes two small children deserted about a week ago by their parents and cared for until yesterday by neighbors. The other family includes two feeble-minded children and one suffering with tuberculosis, who will require institutional care.

Yesterday Was the Birthday Anniversary of—

L. A. BAIR.
Mr. Bair came to this city more than three years ago and entered the grocery business at 621 Hamilton street. He was born in Perry county.

GETTING AUTO LICENSE TAGS READY FOR MAILING AT CAPITOL



BIGGEST POSTAL PARCEL ON HILL

Automobile License Tags Comprise the Largest Shipment Made From This City

The State Highway Department has given the Harrisburg Post Office the largest single shipment of mail ever received by the government in this city. The shipment of automobile license plates for 1917 began this week and the first batch sent out from the Capitol aggregated more than 35,000 sets of plates, each set weighing two pounds, and from six to eight thousand single plates for motorcycles, etc., the total weight of the shipment, therefore, being approximately forty tons.

Applications for 1917 licenses are pouring into the department by the thousands each day and already far exceed those received last year at the same time. Notwithstanding this fact and by reason of the enormous increase in the number of pneumatic and solid tired motor vehicles, the automobile division of the department to-day issued an appeal to motor vehicle owners who have not applied as yet to hurry their applications along. The division is priding itself on its ability to handle the business received and to send out license plates on the same day that the application for them is received.

The automobile division is working practically continuously, the forces being divided into shifts. Extra help has been taken on as usual during this period of the year and every effort is being made to give prompt attention to each application upon its receipt.

George M. Brustar, registrar of the division, who has brought it to its high state of efficiency, is greatly gratified with the progress of the work. The only deterrent feature encountered so far this year has been a slight delay in securing the finished license plates from the Prison Labor Commission, which has the contract for their manufacture at the Huntingdon Reformatory. It is not anticipated that this delay will prove serious, as already more than enough tags are on hand to fill all applications received to date and to take care of the anticipated increase in applications prior to January 1.

The statement issued to-day lays stress on the fact that it will be the fault of the individual owner of a motor vehicle if he fails to secure his 1917 plates before the end of 1916. As no motor vehicle will be permitted to operate after January 1 without the 1917 plates, this warning should suffice to automobile owners who have been tardy in sending in their applications.

LUMBER JACKS GET RAISE
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 22.—Employees in the lumber trade throughout the country will receive an immediate wage increase of from 8 to 10 per cent, E. E. Hooper, secretary of the Lumbermen's Association, announced here to-day. Both union and nonunion workers will be granted the increase.

"BUFFALO BILL" ILL
Denver, Colo., Dec. 22.—Colonel William F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill") is seriously ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. May Decker, in Denver. He is suffering from a nervous breakdown. He is 70 years old.

CATCH REAL PHIL GUBB
Elmer Jones, colored, evidently a student of "Phil Gubb, of the Rising Sun Detective Agency" stories was arrested last evening for impersonating an officer and carrying concealed deadly weapons. Jones called at the police station on his way from Steelton last evening, telling them he had a clue to a criminal. Patrolman Grear noticed the butt of a revolver sticking from his hip pocket. Despite Elmer's protests that he was a real "detective," backing his words by showing a shiny tin badge, he was hustled to the police station.

COLD ALONG THE BORDER
Dallas, Tex., Dec. 22.—Fourteen above zero, the lowest December temperature in this section since 1909, was registered here to-day. Freezing weather extended to the Gulf coast line.

STEAMER SUNK
London, Dec. 22.—Lloyds reports the sinking of the British steamship Itonus.

The Itonus was owned in Melbourne. She was in the service of the British government.

CHRISTMAS FLAG TO SUSQUEHANNA CITY'S CHRISTMAS TREE CELEBRATION

"Open Air" School Leads Red Cross Stamp Sales; Miss Williams Hostess

Not only has the Susquehanna "open-air" school in the West End produced the best Red Cross Christmas seal sale—lady—but, as a school it wins the first prize in the school contest for greatest number of sales per capita. So it will be awarded the State flag.

As everybody knows by this time the best Red Cross seal salesgirl in Harrisburg, is little Miss Evelyn Mair, aged 13, one of the brightest pupils in the Susquehanna building. She sold 5,700 of the tiny Yuletide stickers, just fifty less than that bustling young leader, Dickinson Johnson, of the Camp Curtin.

The youth duplicated his victory of last year although he went way ahead of his previous record, this year, by disposing of 5,750. But this tale doesn't deal so specifically with the individual efforts of the pupils.

Susquehanna "open-air" school boasts of 43 youngsters, all under the tutelage of Miss Marion Williams and Miss Martha Fox, her assistant. The 43 youngsters used last year just \$310 worth of the Red Cross Christmas seal tickets—tickets which, when mailed from the seal fund for hauling the children, to and from their homes. And during the Red Cross Christmas seal campaign just closed the 43 youngsters sold just \$191 worth of stamps.

That's a little more than 230 seals per pupil. Hence the record for highest sales per capita.

Miss Williams Hostess
While the Susquehanna pupils are mighty proud of their school's success, they received with becoming modesty the nice bouquets that were handed out to them yesterday at the Christmas celebration and dinner. This was held in the schoolroom, when Miss Williams discarded her job as a teacher for the time being and became a regular dinner hostess.

Some Dinner!
The tree was only a feature of a splendid decorative scheme and you couldn't help "oh-ing" and "ah-ing" when you stepped into the room. During the morning there was an informal program of victrola music. Some of the guests remained for dinner and made speeches. The after-dinner talkers were: the Rev. S. Winfield Herman, pastor of the Zion Lutheran church; Supervisor J. J. Brehm; School Directors William A. Boll and Robert C. Ender. Other guests were: Mrs. F. E. Downes, Mrs. Rexford Glaspy, Misses Mary Landis and Florence Hollis.

That dinner will go down in history, by the way, as a Christmas dinner, was a "course" dinner, too, mind you, from fruit to turkey and all the "fixins," it was some dinner.

During the dinner Mrs. William Henderson, Miss Eleanor Clark, Miss Dora Wickham and the Rev. Floyd Appleton, St. Paul Episcopal church were callers.

GOVERNOR VISITS CAPITOL OFFICES
Wishes Everyone the Compliments of the Season and Receives Golf Balls

Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh to-day forgot the speakership contest and visited all of the departments in the big granite Capitol, wishing officials and attaches the compliments of the season. The Governor's visit was a surprise. Accompanied by Secretary C. R. Rohrer, Middle division, 4,829 votes; Harry J. Bab, Philadelphia division, 3,579 votes; James J. Gormley, Philadelphia division, 1,829 votes; Charles Wilmer, Philadelphia Terminal division, 732 votes.

RELIEF OFFICERS ELECTED
George H. Thomas, the present member of the advisory committee, eastern Pennsylvania division, P. R. R. relief department, from Philadelphia, has been re-elected for the coming three years. The complete result was as follows: George H. Thomas, Schuylkill division, 10,062 votes; John C. Rohrer, Middle division, 4,829 votes; Harry J. Bab, Philadelphia division, 3,579 votes; James J. Gormley, Philadelphia division, 1,829 votes; Charles Wilmer, Philadelphia Terminal division, 732 votes.

TECH INSTRUCTOR QUILTS
Harry U. Johns, instructor in the metal work department at Harrisburg Technical high school, since 1912, resigned yesterday to accept a position in the drafting department at the steel plant at Lebanon recently acquired by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. Professor Johns will leave next week for Lebanon. He is a graduate of technical high school, class of 1908, and State College, class of 1912.

FOR QUICK READING
—Members of St. Andrew's Episcopal Sunday school, who will hold their annual Christmas festival to-night in the parishhouse, Nineteenth and Market streets. Donations will be brought for baskets to be distributed to needy families. Supper will be served at 5:30 o'clock and the children's service will follow.

This Is the Birthday Anniversary of—

A. S. COTTENHAM
Abraham S. Cottenham, aged 28, of 929 Bartine avenue, died yesterday afternoon at the Harrisburg hospital after a short illness. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, and one small son, William. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Cottenham, one brother, Jacob, of Shippensburg, and Mrs. Robert Palm, of Manheim, also survive. Funeral services will be held at the home, Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. The Rev. S. E. Vance of Wormleysburg, will officiate. Burial will be made in Camp Hill cemetery. A committee from the Loyal Order of Moose of which he was a member will attend the funeral.

BOPP ON STAND
San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Franz Bopp, German consul general in this city to-day resumed the stand for direct and cross-examination on the government's charges that he and six others conspired to destroy shipments of munitions to the entente allies in violation of United States neutrality.

R. R. MARKLEY
Architect with offices in the Patriot Building. Mr. Markley is a graduate of the Harrisburg Academy, and University of Pennsylvania. He was formerly chief draftsman with a prominent firm in Richmond, but returned here two years ago.

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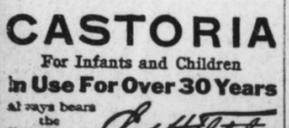
Germany Will Make Known Chief Peace Terms if Allies Let Door Open
London, Dec. 22.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from The Hague says it is announced semi-officially that should the entente allies in their reply to the peace proposals of the central powers leave the door open for negotiations, Germany will make known her chief peace terms immediately.

Ohio Digging Out of Heaviest Storm in Years
Columbus, O., Dec. 22.—Ohio towns and cities were busy to-day digging themselves out from under the heaviest snowfall in years. The storm seemed to be general, but heavier in the central and northern portions of the State.

JEWEL THIEF SENTENCED
New York, Dec. 22.—One year in Sing Sing prison was the minimum sentence, with six months longer as the maximum, passed to-day on Dazgett, of Larchmont, N. Y., formerly in charge of trust company deposit funds in which Mrs. E. H. Harmon, widow of the capitalist, had placed jewels for safe keeping.

DROP OF 30 AT N. O.
New Orleans, La., Dec. 22.—A fall of thirty-nine degrees was recorded here in the last eighteen hours. Reports from the sugar cane and trucking regions indicate heavy damage.

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