



ABE ROAT, JR., IS CONFIRMED AS CITY POLICEMAN

Mayor and Gross Say "His Record Is Clean"; Gorgas Makes Protest

4 OTHER NEW OFFICERS More Delay in Opening Bids For Motorizing City Fire Department

In the face of the protest of City Commissioner W. L. Gorgas, a vast majority of citizens and an undercurrent of opposition on the part of police officials who regard him as unsuitable for the place, City Council today confirmed Mayor E. S. Meals' choice of Abe Roat, Jr., as a patrolman of the police department.

Only Mr. Gorgas voted against Roat's confirmation. "These appointments," said he referring to Roat and the other four appointees, "are not known to me and in view of what has been said of Mr. Roat, I don't feel that I can vote for him."

Park Commissioner E. Z. Gross, who seconded the Mayor's resolution appointing Roat, said that he "understood Roat had a clean record in the Greene county courts."

Mayor on Roat

When Roat's name was mentioned Mr. Gorgas offered his objection, whereupon the Mayor replied: "All that I have heard of Roat has been report. He did have a trial in Greene county, but the courts exonerated him of the charges. If a man

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Whirlwind Campaign to Raise Funds For Y. M. C. A. at Gettysburg College

Representatives from eleven branches of the Women's Gettysburg College League met here this afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. to consider plans for a whirlwind campaign to raise funds for the erection of a Y. M. C. A. building at Gettysburg.

So far \$7,000 has been raised and the campaign to bring the total up to \$15,000, half the needed amount, will be organized in the next few weeks.

The session this afternoon was a meeting of the executive board of the women's organization, with Mrs. W. L. Strouse, of Baltimore, president.

The league also has decided to provide the salary of a secretary for the Y. M. C. A. building when completed. Every effort will be made to have work started on the building shortly after Easter.

A meeting of the Harrisburg-Gettysburg League will be held in Zion Lutheran Church this evening. Speakers will be Mrs. G. N. Lauffer, of Steelton, and Mrs. Ernest Pee, of Highspire.

Police Nabs Man Lugging Beer Keg at 3.30 a. m.

Puffing as he labored up Seventh street with a large keg of beer tucked under one arm, Paul Garzon, 1305 Monroe street, was arrested at 3.30 o'clock this morning.

Garzon protested that he had bought the beer from a friend, A. Metro, 622 Herr street.

The officer thought 3.30 a. m. rather a poor hour to be making calls for booze, so committed Garzon to jail to await a hearing.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity Fair to-night and Wednesday; not much change in temperature; lowest to-night about 38 degrees.

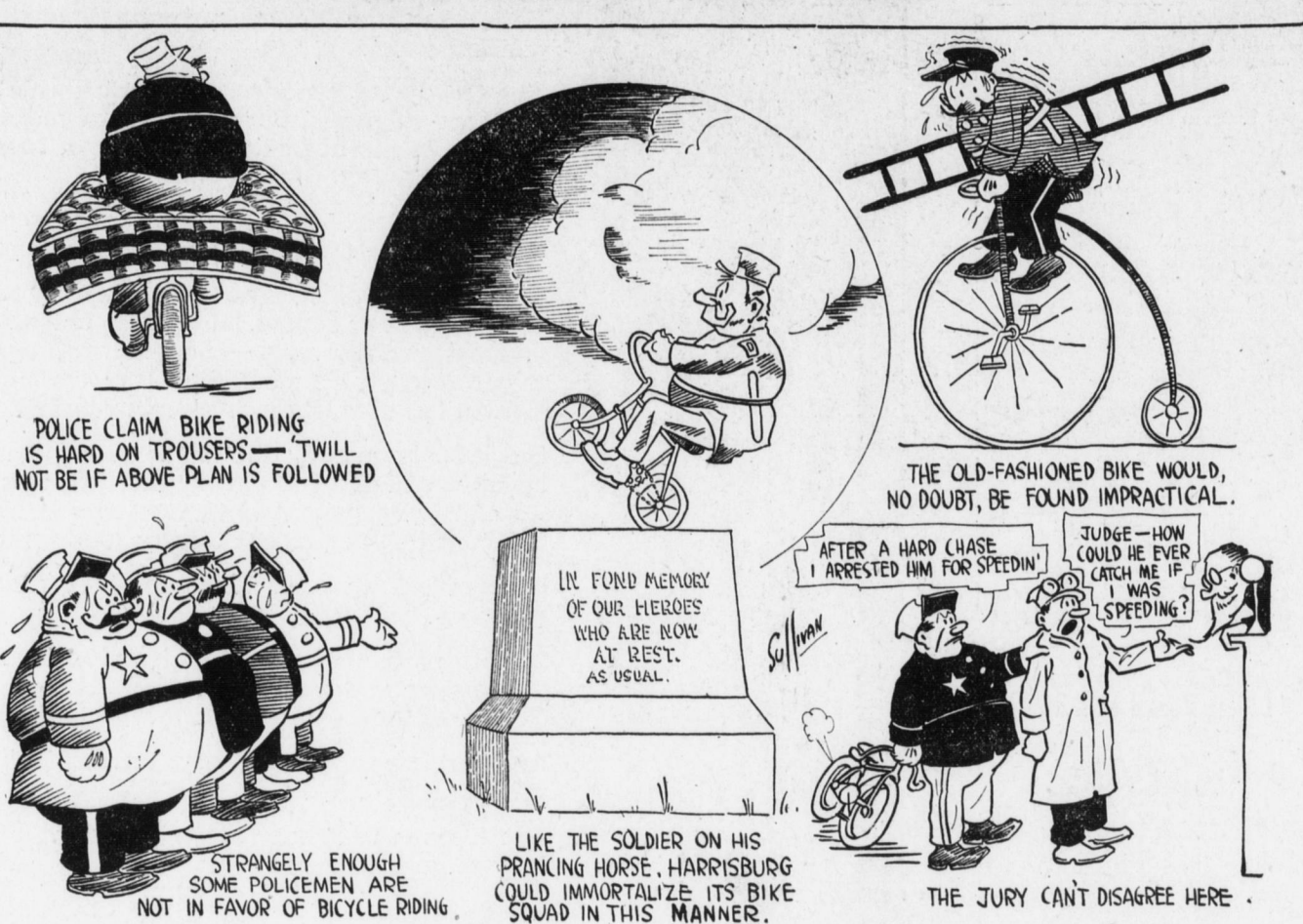
For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Wednesday; somewhat lower temperature in northern portion Wednesday; strong, southwest winds.

River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will continue to fall slowly. A stage of about 6.3 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Wednesday morning.

The ice is still gorged in Pine creek about one-fourth mile below Waterville, in Pine creek. Most of the floating ice from the principal branches has passed Harrisburg, and the river will be nearly free of ice later to-day.

General Conditions Pressure continues low over Canada and has decreased decidedly over all the districts east of the Rocky Mountains during the last twenty-four hours.

HELPING HARRISBURG POLICEMEN "REDUCE"



STRANGELY ENOUGH SOME POLICEMEN ARE NOT IN FAVOR OF BICYCLE RIDING.

RUSSIANS ARE PLANNING BIG RIGA OFFENSIVE

Said to Be Equipped With Great Quantities of Munitions and Reserves

London, Jan. 9.—The Russians are preparing to launch a great new offensive in the Riga sector, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company quoting German newspaper correspondents at the eastern front.

The Russian troops are said to be equipped with great quantities of munitions and backed by large reserves near Mitau, and south of Riga the artillery fire is reported to have constantly increased on both sides during the last few days and to have

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Says Eight-Hour Law Is Mere Wage Fixing Statute in Hearing

Washington, Jan. 9.—The Supreme court continued to-day hearing of the test case brought to decide constitutionality of the Adamson act, with the railroads presenting their side of the controversy.

The roads' counsel were expected to occupy the entire day with their arguments, leaving Frank Hagerman, special assistant to the Attorney General, to conclude for the government to-morrow.

In outlining the railroad's attack upon the law, Walker D. Hines, chairman of the railroad's general committee of attorneys, who opened to-day's hearing, laid stress upon the carriers' contention that the law is not a limitation of hours of employment, but merely a wage-fixing statute.

He denied that Congress is given power to fix wages under the Constitution.

Says Shark Skin Shoes Will Solve Problem of High Cost of Leather

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 9.—At the convention of the National Retail Leather Dealers, which opened here yesterday, J. P. Lawrence, of Sewster, Alaska, recommended the use of shark skin in the manufacture of shoes, he having come here for that purpose.

He said shark skin would solve the problem of high cost of leather. He said he could produce shark leather ready for the shoe manufacturers at four cents per square foot.

Beef leather is eighty cents a square foot. One reason he gave for being able to sell shark skin so low was that shark oil is used for making oleomargarine and the meat for chicken feed.

Deranged Man Mutters Continually of Harrisburg

Wandering up and down the streets of Norristown muttering about Harrisburg, a man who gave his name as Alexander Frame was arrested yesterday afternoon.

The police of that city are convinced that the man is very much deranged and believe that because he speaks so much of Harrisburg he was at one time a resident here.

MUST PAY FOR EVERY ONE OF WIFE'S 90 PAIRS OF HOSE

BIG DEPARTMENT STORE AT LOCUST AND SECOND STS.?

Western Chain of Establishments May Locate on Publishing House Site

Harrisburg will have another big department store, one of a chain which stretches through the principal cities in the Middle West and West, if negotiations for the Evangelical Publishing House property, Second and Locust streets, are successful.

Announcement of the proposed deal was made to-day by Attorney Robert Rosenberg who with B. Handler and Samuel Fishman have arranged to buy the publishing house site.

The sale of the Evangelical property will be finally closed, it is understood, February 1. Mr. Rosenberg declined to name the price, but it is understood to be something under \$70,000.

"Our original intention had been to convert this building into a modern storeroom and apartment house and we expected to put at least \$30,000 in the remodeling. I'm not at liberty to mention the price but I should say that the property with the added improvements would run close to \$100,000."

For several weeks there had been a persistent rumor in realty circles that negotiations were under way with the new owners and with Gimbel Brothers, Philadelphia, with the view of selling the site to the Philadelphia firm for a branch store.

Mr. Rosenberg denied this. "Gimbel Brothers will not locate here," said he. "It is true we did go to Philadelphia with a view to conferring with Ellis Gimbel but he was not in the city and we came away."

"In New York, however, we interested some of the backers of the big chain of stores which do business in important cities of the West and Middle West and there is a possibility that we may close this deal."

"What firm controls this chain?" "That, I'm not at liberty to say. Its headquarters is in Cleveland."

"Is it true that you've also purchased, or taken options on the property adjacent to the publishing house, eastward on Locust street as far as the Orpheum theater?" "That also, I'm not at liberty to talk about."

92-FOOT POLE GOES UP

One of the largest telegraph poles that has ever been erected was put up this afternoon at Walnut and Court streets. The pole is a Maryland chestnut, 92 feet long. At the present time it is almost impossible to secure trees over 60 feet in length that will serve for poles.

GIRLS DISCHARGED

Neil Christ and Gertrude Wolford, two young girls charged with stealing \$40 from Luther Diller last Friday, were discharged by the police and exonerated from blame.

UNCLE SAM ORDERS ZEPPELINS JUST LIKE DER KAISER'S GOT

Washington, Jan. 9.—Ordinance and aircraft innovations designed from lines developed by European belligerents, have been authorized by both war and navy departments.

SOUP AND POTPIE FIGURE IN LERCH ALIBI ARGUMENTS

State Presents Problem in Defense For First of Trolley Strike Cases

Did Mignah Lerch have potpie on soup for his lunch early on the morning of July 18?

Counsel for State and defense wrangled for quite a while over that momentous question this morning during Lerch's trial in January quarter sessions on a charge of "malicious injury to railroads."

Lerch is charged with having [Continued on Page 9]

Retail Milkmen Meet Tonight to Plan Fight on Increase of Price

City dairymen will meet this evening, at 7:30 o'clock, in Maennerchor Hall to decide on final action in their fight against products to keep down the wholesale price of milk.

President C. E. Cooper said to-day that he believes the city dealers will vote against granting the increase, provided the county dairymen insist on raising the price.

He reiterated his statement of last week that the local men want to be fair to both the farmers and the public and that he believes an increase now will be unjust, as it would force the retail price to nine cents a quart.

To Favor 7-Hour Day at Mine Workers Convention

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 9.—A seven-hour workday, and only five of them to a week, is expected to be favored by the convention of District No. 6, United Mine Workers of America, which began its twenty-seventh annual meeting here to-day.

16TH INFANTRY HOME

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 9.—The 16th Pennsylvania Infantry made up of companies from the Western Pennsylvania oil country, reached here to-day from El Paso, where it has been on duty since last July.

The trains were stopped at a suburb long enough to water the horses and the various commands were then forwarded to their home stations. Officers said the men were in fine form, but anxious to get home.

BAILEY RAILROAD RECEIVER

Edward Bailey, president of the Harrisburg Trust Company and Harrisburg National Bank, was named yesterday, as receiver for the Williamsport and North Branch railroad, which general offices at Hughesville, as the result of an action brought at Williamsport. Mr. Bailey was notified to-day that he had been named.

TRYING TO CLEAR NAME OF LEWIS OF BLOOD GUILT

Friends Insist Supposed Murderer of Model Killed Self to Escape Disgrace

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 9.—The movement to clear the name of Bernard W. Lewis of the suspicion that he murdered Maizie Colbert at her apartment in Philadelphia before taking his life in Atlantic City last week, took form to-day when a number of his close friends, including his attorney, Robert K. Dodds, began the investigation of a

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While Buffalo Bill Wins One Game, Death Slowly Wins Another

Denver, Col., Jan. 9.—Colonel William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) gradually was growing weaker to-day. His physician this morning predicted the end within 24 hours.

Colonel Cody's system has broken down, the doctor said, and the food he partakes of no longer produces life forces.

Buffalo Bill's indomitable spirit never flinched when he was told by his attending physician, Dr. J. East, that his passing must come within a relatively few hours.

Shortly afterward the veteran plainsman called to his sister, Mrs. May Decker, and said: "Bring the cards. We'll play a game of high five, you and I."

"There is a time, Colonel," said he, "when every honest physician must commend his patient to a higher power."

"How long?" asked Colonel Cody simply. "I can answer that," said the physician, "only by telling you your life is like the hour glass. The sand is slipping gradually, slowly—but soon the sand will all be gone. The end is not far away."

Colonel Cody turned to his sister: "May," said he, "let the Elks and Masons take charge of the funeral." Then he called for the card game.

Doctor East last night said death would come within thirty-six hours. Hundreds of telegrams of sympathy from men of prominence all over the country came to-day. Many boys from different parts of the United States wrote to him.

"Won't you please send me the story of your life and all your pictures, so I can be a scout like Buffalo Bill?" one youngster wrote. The letter was taken to Colonel Cody.

"He is a typical American youth," said the colonel as his face lighted with a smile of happiness.

Governor Signs Bill to Send Brigade to Wilson's Inauguration

Governor Brumbaugh to-day signed the first resolution of the legislative session of 1917, that to authorize the participation of the commander-in-chief and staff and not more than one brigade of the National Guard of Pennsylvania in the inaugural parade at Washington on March 5.

LAWSON HINTS AT MEN "HIGHER UP"; WITHHOLDS NAMES

Declares Disclosures at This Time Would Have Disastrous Effect For Country and Administration and Prefers Punishment For Contempt of Congress

PROMISES TO TELL SHOULD HOUSE ORDER FORMAL INQUIRY INTO WALL STREET 'LEAK' ON PEACE NOTE

"Cannot Name Cabinet Officer to Whom I Have Reference Without Mentioning Another Official in Higher Position," He Says; Would Be More Serious Than His Going to Jail

Washington, Jan. 9.—The leak in investigation seemed to make its first progress toward some definite point to-day when Thomas W. Lawson, after much questioning and urging, promised that should the House order a formal inquiry he would disclose the names of the cabinet officer, the Senator and the New York broker, who, he said a Congressman told him, were engaged in a stock gambling partnership and had profited through advance information of President Wilson's peace note.

To disclose the names to the House Rules Committee Lawson repeatedly refused even when confronted with three separate resolutions to put him into contempt, for two reasons.

First, he contended the rules committee had no power to conduct a thorough investigation including one of the Stock Exchange, such as he urged and he would not be assured of an investigation if he disclosed the names.

Second, Lawson said, he considered that disclosure of the names at this time would have a

disastrous effect for the country and the administration. In preference to that he preferred being punished for contempt of Congress.

Congressmen questioned, cross-examined and pleaded in vain with the Boston financier to give the names of the informing Congressman, the cabinet officer or the Senator.

Why He Cannot Name Cabinet Officer "I cannot name the cabinet officer to whom I have referred without mentioning another official of higher position," said Lawson, "and that would be more serious than if I cast a cloud over the entire Congress and was sent to jail myself for life."

All through his testimony Lawson hinted at names "higher up" but no amount of questioning would bring him down to definite statement.

When the committee recessed for lunch the members seemed to think they had gone as far as they could with Lawson at this stage so they excused him as a witness temporarily but told him to remain within jurisdiction of the committee until the resolution [Continued on Page 4]

NOTED RAILWAY MAN TO SPEAK

Harrisburg.—Alfred P. Thorn, Washington, counsel for the Railway Executives' Advisory Committee and general counsel for the Southern Railway Company, will present the suggestions of the carriers as to the principles which should be included in any fair and stable system of federal regulation, before the Chamber of Commerce at luncheon at the Harrisburg Club, Friday noon.

SPANISH CABINET RESIGNS

Madrid, Jan. 9, via London.—Count Romanones, who has been premier in the Spanish ministry since December, 1915, to-day presented to King Alfonso the resignation of the entire cabinet.

HARRY THAW ASSAULTS BOY, CHARGE

New York, Jan. 9.—Harry K. Thaw was to-day indicted by the grand jury on three charges of assaulting Fred Grump, Jr., a high school boy of Kansas City, Mo. A bench warrant was issued for Thaw's arrest.

The alleged assault occurred at a Broadway hotel here. The authorities stated they did not know exactly where Thaw is to-day, but he was known to be in Philadelphia yesterday.

Thaw is accused of having beat Grump with a whip at the Hotel McAlpin on three occasions during the holidays. Detectives armed with bench warrants left the city this afternoon to arrest Thaw, who they believe is in a nearby city.

Young Grump and Thaw first met in California about a year ago, according to the authorities. Several weeks ago the boy disappeared from his home in Kansas City. Aware of Thaw's interest in the boy, it is said, the Grump family engaged private detectives who learned the boy was in New York. Young Grump told detectives, it is alleged, Thaw had beaten him with a whip in the Hotel McAlpin on three different occasions about Christmas time.

The district attorney soon after the bench warrant for Thaw's arrest was issued received a telephone message from Philadelphia, saying that George F. O'Byrnes, described as Thaw's bodyguard, had been arrested in that city charged with aiding and abetting his employer.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

George Washington Wagner and Dora Lila Glass, city. John Shearer, Jr., Middletown, and Elizabeth Kaiser, Steelton. Peter Hart and Lina Smedis, Steelton.