

SPENT MORE THAN \$16,000,000 FOR UPBUILDING CITY

Inspector Grove Reports Operations of Eleven Years to Council

NEAR 2 MILLION IN 1916

Only Three Other Years Since 1906 Out-topped Twelve Months Just Closed

Harrisburg expended more than \$16,000,000 — \$16,388,441 to be exact — in new building operations during the past eleven years.

That nice round sum, by the way, was put into some 3,671 buildings, or at least permits for the erection of that many structures were issued.

These interesting figures on Harrisburg as a building city are contained in the annual report for 1916 of Building Inspector James H. Grove, which was submitted to-day to City Council.

Prepared by Joseph W. Bach, chief clerk to Mr. Grove, the report as submitted to the commissioners to-day is a gem of its kind from the briefly typed statement of the city's activity during the past twelve months to the big sheet of statistics that cover in detail not only the variety, cost, material, etc., of every building but the detail of expenditure down to the last cent, by months, for work done by years from 1906 to 1916 inclusive.

What was expended in new building operations month by month during the past year is given by year during the last eleven years, has been stated in the Telegraph, although it won't be amiss, perhaps, to mention again that just 387 permits were issued in the period ending December 31, 1916, involving an outlay of \$1,830,923. September was the record month, just \$406,075 — nearly half a million, mind you — in that month alone. February was the short month, as \$31,460 was the month's building bill.

Erection of the great warehouse and freight distributing station of the Pennsylvania railroad on South Second street at an expenditure of close to \$400,000 boosted the second yard into first place among the thirteen with a grand total of \$445,650. The tenth was second with \$325,660 and the ninth was third with \$319,306. The tail-ender was the first, which only built \$10,025 worth.

Of the nearly \$2,000,000 which was expended during the past year, just \$631,825 was put into new dwellings, \$992,190 in other types of new buildings, \$128,440 in additions, and \$78,578 in remodeling. Only three other years — 1909 with \$2,120,825, 1907 with \$1,874,143, and 1906 with \$1,853,840 — out-topped 1916.

In his typed statement of the year's operations Building Inspector Grove calls attention to the following big new buildings of a business, religious, educational and public purposes:

The New Structures

Addition to the Sylvan Heights Orphanage, St. Lawrence German Catholic church and parochial school, Messiah Lutheran, Christian Scientist, and Covenant Presbyterian church (addition), Chisuk Emuna synagogue, T. J. Dunn cigar factory, J. C. and Edwin Jennings, shirt factory, Hershey Creamery, Pennsylvania Milk Products company, the Dr. Charles C. Cocklin garage, the Keystone bank, the D. P. and S. Pennsylvania road, and Capital City Junk company warehouses, the C. Ross Boas, the J. L. L. Kuhn and Jacob Tausig's sons, business buildings.

The city netted just \$1,000.50 in fees for building permits and \$115.55 for billboard fees.

Hat of Mississippi Rye Is Made For President

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9. — The fuzzy old beaver which Abraham Lincoln always wore and which his admirers claimed was the most original piece of headgear ever adopted by that President must now cede the palm to one which President Wilson will wear as soon as the warm weather arrives. It is made of rye. If the President won't wear it it probably will be sent to some museum of curiosities.

The distinctive hat which President Wilson has been picked out to wear will be constructed from the ground up of rye straw grown along the Mississippi river.

In a letter to Secretary Tumulty to-day A. J. Hibbert, of Hattiesburg, Miss., state that just as soon as the straw hat season opens he is going to send the President the hat.

"Please let me know when you put away your derbies and your felt Kellys in Washington," Hibbert wrote, "and I will send the President the most original piece of headgear ever seen."

ICE GORGES REPORTED

Ice gorges at Waterville, in Pine creek, in the northern part of the State, and at Columbia, were reported to-day, but no trouble is expected at either place. At this point, according to Forecaster E. B. Demain, the river will be free of floating ice by nightfall. Fair weather with little change in temperature, is predicted for to-morrow.

POLICE BALL FEB. 21

The annual police ball will be held this year at Winterdale hall, February 21. The committee in charge includes, Captain Joseph P. Thompson, William Baltzner, George Wessman, Herman Kautz, Fred Essig and Oscar Carson. The proceeds of these annual events are used for the Police Quick Charity Fund.

GIVE GREECE 48 HOURS

Piraeus, Greece, Jan. 9. — Ministers of the entente powers to-day handed to the Greek government an ultimatum giving Greece 48 hours to comply with the demands contained in the note drawn up by France, Great Britain and Russia on December 31.

MR. STARKEY CONVALESCENT

W. P. Starkey, general superintendent of the Harrisburg Pipe and Pipe Bending Company, is rapidly recovering from operation for appendicitis. Mr. Starkey was taken suddenly ill a day or two before Christmas and an operation was at once decided to be necessary. Dr. George Kunkel was assisted by Dr. Bowman.

WAITE CAN NOT COME

Henry M. Waite, the city manager of Dayton, Ohio, who was invited to address a luncheon meeting of the Chamber of Commerce regrets that it is impossible for him to come to Harrisburg at the present time. It is the hope of President Tracy that the Dayton expert may be able to come here later.

TO GIVE LECTURE

The Rev. Roy A. Strook, president of the Lutheran Church College in Guntur, India, will lecture in the St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Green and Seneca streets, this evening.

A CONCERT ON THE BATTLE LINE



AUSTRIAN OFFICERS ENJOYING MUSICAL EVENING. (INTL. FILM SERVICE)

Being musically inclined by nature, the Austrians have their music at the front just as they have it at home in times of peace. The picture shows a group of Austrian officers in a dugout of the Galician front, enjoying themselves with a musical evening.

"Pray For Me," Girl's Last Words; Claims She Was Forced to Suicide

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 9. — "Pray for me and kiss me good-by," were the last words spoken by Esther Anderson, 16 years old, to her mother, shortly before she died yesterday in a hospital from the effects of poison she declared she was forced to take because of threats made by her 17-year-old sweetheart, Andrew Kuhn. He is now ill and under police guard in the same hospital in which the girl died.

FIND WOMAN DEAD FOR SEVERAL DAYS IN ROOM

Unable to account for the disappearance of Martha Thomas, friends broke into her small room Sunday morning and found that she had been dead for several days. She had no relatives or close friends in the city and had rented a room at 945 North Seventh street. The body was taken to the funeral parlors of Walter J. Hooper.

THREE STEAMERS SUNK

London, Jan. 9. — The sinking of three steamers of entente nationality, two of them vessels of more than 2,500 tons, is announced by Lloyd's Shipping Agency. They are the French steamer Alphonse Conzel, the British steamer Lesbian and the Japanese steamer Chinto Maru.

Cox Wants Investigation of Campaign Expenses

Columbus, O., Jan. 9. — A legislative investigation of the campaign expenses in the recent election, was recommended by Ohio's new governor, James M. Cox, in his first message to the eighty-second general assembly of Ohio, to-day.

Shoots Dog That Ate Evidence of Mary Cooper's Guilt

The dog that ate the evidence that would have convicted Mary that stole the sausage from Sam Stago, a Seventh street butcher, when Mary and her husband were taken to the police station, was shot by a patrolman. The dog was the last link of evidence that the detective department had built up and may have been the beginning of more links that will convict other dogs for stealing other sausages.

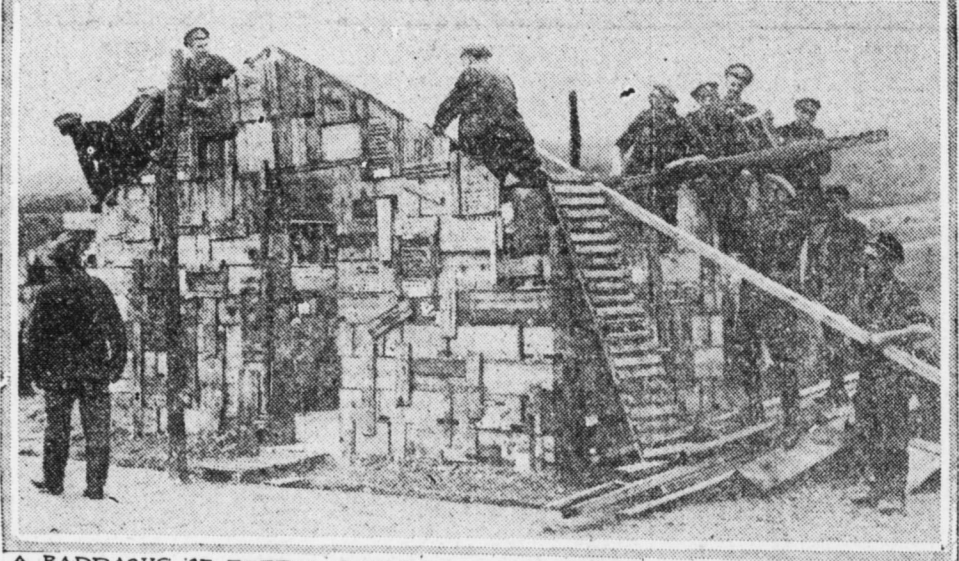
Asks \$12,000,000 More For Navy Yard Program

Washington, Jan. 9. — The naval preparedness program is in danger of failure, it is feared here, because the Navy Department cannot make arrangements with private shipbuilding concerns to construct battle cruisers and other warships.

HAND SEVERELY INJURED

H. D. Delmotte, of North Second street, had his right hand severely injured in a mattress factory machine which he was inspecting last Saturday. He is able to be about, but has suffered a great deal from the injury.

BUILD WINTER HOUSE OF PETROL BOXES



A BARRACKS OF PETROL BOXES. (INTL. FILM SERVICE)

All kinds and varieties of "houses" and huts have been erected by soldiers on the various fronts of the European theater of war, but it remained for a number of inventive British "Tommys" to erect a winter home of petrol boxes. This shelter is being erected behind the Somme battline of the boxes in which tins of petrol are carried to the front.

OFFICERS CHOSEN BY MANY FIRMS

Five Banks, Utility and Commercial Concerns Hold Annual Meetings

Stockholders of five banks, public service and private business concerns elected officers and directors at annual meetings held late yesterday and to-day.

Stockholders of local banking institutions to-day elected the following directors:

Harrisburg National Bank — Edward Bailey, Henry A. Kelker, Jr., Ross A. Hickok, W. L. Grogan, A. S. McCreath, George W. Hely, Thomas T. Walrman. These directors will meet Tuesday, January 16, for organization.

Camp Curtis Trust Company (successor to Sixth Street Bank) — Lewis Balser, Dr. George L. Brown, Charles W. Burnett, J. Allan Donaldson, Robert A. Enders, Bertram G. Galbraith, R. A. Hartman, John H. Kremer, John Lappley, Joseph F. Miller, Fulmer J. Reif, Hugo Schutzenbach, W. Scott Stroh, S. W. Shoemaker, George C. Trippner. The annual meeting of the directors will be held Tuesday, January 16.

Merchants National Bank — William M. Donaldson, W. L. Stoeck, John F. Dapp, P. H. Vaughn, C. W. Lynch, H. O. Miller, Lewis Delone, David E. Tracy, William Witman. The annual election of officers will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Allison Hill Trust Company — F. J. Allison, Hiram Billett, D. M. Book, John J. Landis, E. M. Lebo, D. F. Miller, John K. Royal, A. B. Musser, B. Frank Ober, Morris M. Stroh, W. H. Hoyer. The annual election of officers will be held to-morrow.

First National Bank — Jackson Herr Boyd, William S. Snyder, John Fox Weiss, W. T. Hildrup, Jr., William P. Starkey.

Directors of the East Harrisburg Cemetery Company were elected to-day as follows: J. H. McElhenny, Clinton M. Hershey, S. S. Miller, D. H. Swope, John J. Harkest, E. K. Frazier. Officers — J. H. McElhenny, president; J. A. Miller, secretary-treasurer and manager.

G. C. Potts was elected president of the Farmers' Market company to succeed his father, M. G. Potts, who was elected from active service. Daniel M. Dull was chosen secretary and Dr. V. Hummel Fager, treasurer. The stockholders elected the following directors: Mr. Dull, Dr. Faver, G. C. Potts, M. G. Potts and William Hoerner.

Stockholders of the Forney Brothers Shoe Company yesterday afternoon elected the following directors: James W. Miller, J. G. Felty, F. H. Davis, J. Frank Palmer and A. P. Dare.

Officers of the Boll Brothers Manufacturing Company elected by the directors follow: President, Charles S. Boll, vice-presidents, Samuel Gardner and John P. Melly, treasurer, William A. Boll, secretary, C. Day Rudy. These men, together with Dr. J. M. Peters, were elected directors at the meeting of the stockholders.

Directors of the Milltown, Harrisburg and Steelton Railways Company and Citizens Passenger Railways Company re-elected the following directors yesterday: E. B. Musser, president; B. F. Meyers, vice-president; John O'Connell, secretary and treasurer of all three companies. These are subsidiaries of the Harrisburg Railway Company.

At the meeting of stockholders of the Great Southern Lumber Company yesterday, Major Lane S. Hart this city, was re-elected a director of the company. No other local men are included in the board of directors.

Stockholders of the Devine and Yungel Shoe Manufacturing Company met late this afternoon to elect directors.

Thinks Mexico May Embroil U. S. in War With European Power

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9. — Possibility that some European power might claim indemnity from Mexico for damages done its citizens there were pictures of the following officials to-day by Dr. David Jayne Hill, president of the American Defense Society and former ambassador to Germany, as one of the arguments for preparedness.

"I think the possibility of such a demand highly probable," Dr. Hill said. "We might be called upon to permit collection by that power through a fleet sent to a Mexican port, to enforce collection ourselves or pay the indemnity ourselves."

PAINTERS' UNION TO INSTALL

Painters and Decorators' Union No. 411 will meet to-morrow evening at 221 Market street. Installation of officers and other important matters will be taken up.

JOHN E. FOX CITY SOLICITOR

Ex-Senator Elected to Fill the Vacancy Caused by Seitz Death



ATTORNEY JOHN E. FOX.

Ex-State Senator John E. Fox, of the law firm of Fox & Geyer, was today unanimously elected City Solicitor by Council. He succeeds Daniel S. Seitz.

John E. Fox is one of the most widely known lawyers in Pennsylvania and has for a long time been one of the leading members of the Dauphin County Bar Association, having served as its president. He has been identified with important cases, including the Capitol graft cases. He was elected state senator from Dauphin county in 1900 and served twelve years.

This Is the Birthday Anniversary of



FRANK B. BOSCH, President of the Motor Club of Harrisburg, prominently connected in contracting and business circles and generally well known citizen. Mr. Bosch's activities cover a dozen or more lines and with which he has been identified he has been always a dominating figure.

Want to Know Just What Ambassador Gerard Said

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9. — The report by the Overseas Agency that Ambassador Gerard at a public welcome back to Germany had said that "Never since the beginning of the war have relations between the United States and Germany been so cordial as now" were officially inquired into by the State Department yesterday through a cable to the German government.

Officials, in making this announcement, refused to add any further comment except that they wished to know exactly what he had said.

WOULD MAKE CAPITOL DRY

Washington, Jan. 9. — The greatest crowd of recent years packed the Senate galleries to-day for the debate and vote on the bill to make the National Capitol dry.

The first big fight was on the amendment to submit the question to the people of the District of Columbia on a referendum which is supported by the liquor interests and others. The line-up on that point was so close that while both sides claimed the votes it was apparent that neither felt secure.

MRS. ANNA WILLS DIES

Duncannon, Pa., Jan. 9. — Mrs. Anna E. Wills, widow of the late J. V. Wills, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Wilson of Market street yesterday morning, of infirmities due to age. She was aged 81 years and was one of the oldest residents of Duncannon where she lived during the greater part of her life. She is survived by four children, Samuel J. Wills, of South Bend, Ind.; Mrs. L. Thompson, of Watts station; William Wills and Mrs. Harry Wilson, of Duncannon. Funeral services will be held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Wilson, on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. William Wills shall officiate, assisted by the Rev. Dr. George H. Johnston. Burial will be made in the Lutheran Cemetery.

MR. WOODWARD HERE

James F. Woodward, who is to be chairman of the appropriation committee of the House, was here to-day. Mr. Woodward is on his way to Philadelphia to meet with Republican leaders. He looks for most of the old members of the committee to be reappointed.

BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

Mrs. John Fulton of the Bethesda Mission, formerly the City Rescue Mission, will conduct a Bible study for women at the Mission, 107 1/2 South Second street every Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. This will be followed by a short social session and discussion of the work and needs of the Mission. Mrs. Fulton desires to establish a union service for women, for the purpose of giving a working knowledge of the Bible, deepening the spiritual life, and fitting them for more efficient service in their churches and elsewhere.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Liverpool, Pa., Jan. 9. — George Murray was badly wounded to-day when the gun he was carrying was discharged as he was about to enter a boat. The shot from his left hand and part of the discharge entered his right leg. The injured man was taken to the Harrisburg hospital.

MAY ADOPT BOY

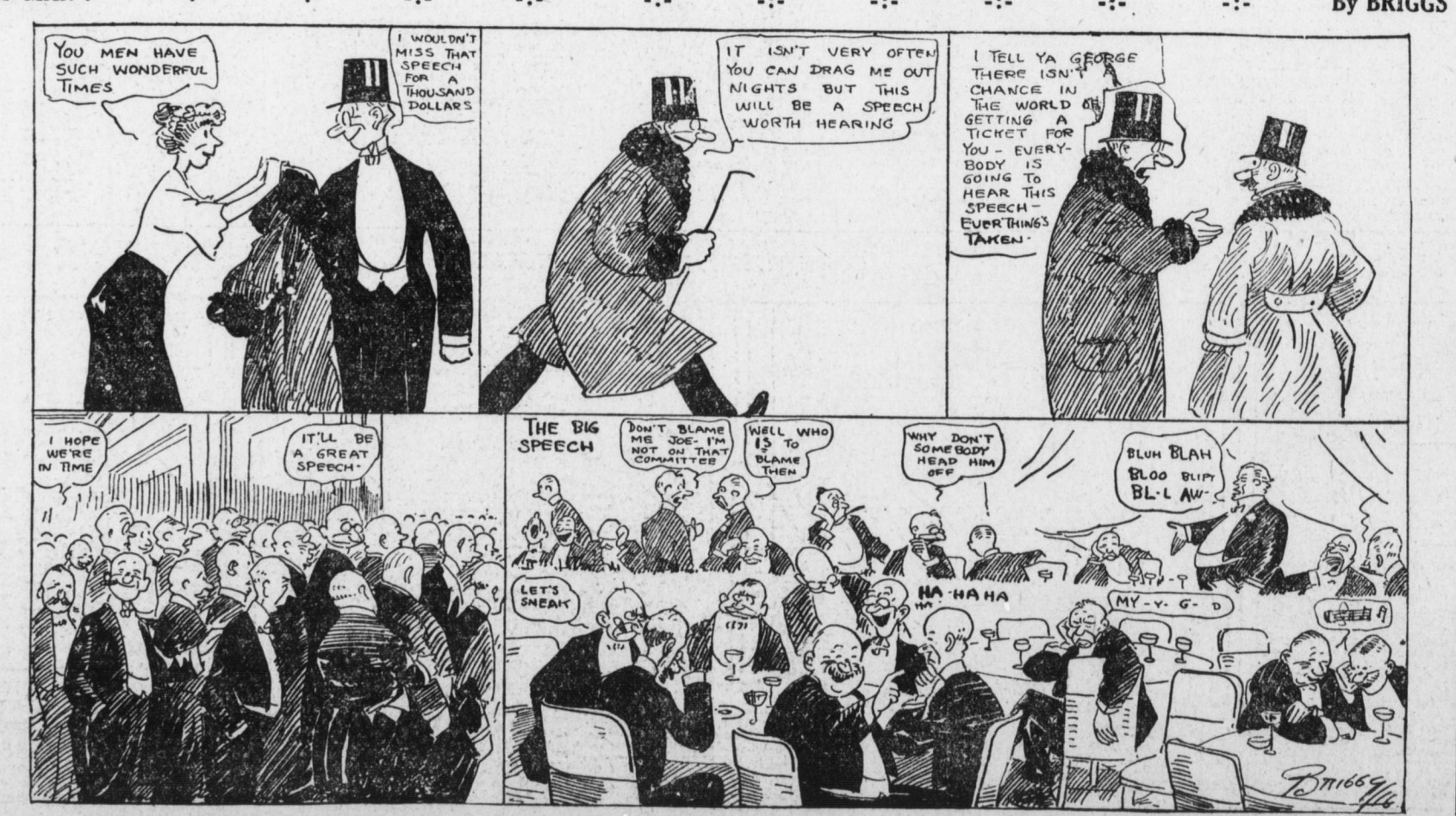
Mr. and Mrs. Thompson L. Hamaker, of Millersburg, were granted permission by Judge McCarrell, to adopt Leo Frank, a five-year-old child of the late Jerry L. and Joyce Laddick.

FOR THROAT AND LUNGS

STUBBORN COUGHS AND COLDS

ECKMAN'S ALTERNATIVE

SOLD BY ALL LEADING DRUGGISTS



OH MAN! BY BRIGGS