

\$10,000 FIRE DAMAGE AT THE COMMONWEALTH

Breaks Out on Fourth Floor of Hostelery; Water Cause of Heavy Loss

Fire believed to have originated in a closet where mattresses were stored, damaged the Commonwealth Hotel, Market Square, to the extent of almost \$10,000 last night.

Much of the loss was due to the water that flooded down from the upper stories, damaging furnishings and carpets. Sides and Sides, on the first floor, suffered a loss of about \$400 from water that damaged their stock of haberdashery.

The fire was noticed on the fourth floor shortly after 10 o'clock by Patrolman Carson, who turned in an alarm. When it seemed that the fire would get beyond control, Fire Chief John Kindler turned in a second alarm. Nine companies were ready for action but only three were needed.

Chemicals Fall
When the firemen reached the fourth floor the flames were spreading rapidly and smoke was pouring from the roof. An effort to smother the flames with chemicals failed. Firemen mounted to the roof, holes were cut and water poured down on the flames.

Dazed By Smoke
None of the guests of the hotel suffered from the fire. All the occupants of the building reached the street in safety. Several of the chambermaids, who returned to recover articles left behind, were found in a dazed condition by firemen, who carried them to safety.

Judge Porter Assisted Out
Superior Court Judge William D. Porter, of Pittsburgh, was ill in the hotel at the time of the fire. His room was filled with smoke, but with the assistance of his nurse and Spencer Gilbert, he was able to leave. The judge spent the remainder of the night at the Senate Hotel.

White Pigeon Suffocated
The single fatality was the death of a white pigeon that had evidently been roosting on the coping of the roof. When the flames were highest, spectators noticed a flash of white swooping downward through the smoke and the pigeon fell to the pavement suffocated.

Historic Hostelery
The Commonwealth Hotel has been the political headquarters for many of Pennsylvania's greatest statesmen. Men of many different political faiths held caucuses and conferences in its rooms.

Since the time when George Washington first honored the history that stood on the site of the present Commonwealth hotel, the notables of two centuries have been its guests. Abraham Lincoln stopped there during the stirring times of the Civil war. The late King Edward of England, then the Prince of Wales, was the guest of the hotel during his trip to America.

Issue Permits For Erection of Two Rows

Three building permits were issued to-day to H. W. Black, contractor, for the erection of two rows of houses and for an addition to a garage.

Four of the houses will be two-story brick at 2302-03-04-05 Orange street; the other four at 2301-03-05-07 Logan street, with six rooms and bath. The total cost of the buildings will be \$12,000. They are being erected for Mrs. Mary E. Grove.

An addition will be built to the garage at Briggs and Bartine streets owned by Donald McCormick. The cost will be \$500.

German Deputy Scores Ruthless Sea Warfare

By Associated Press
London, March 15.—The German submarine campaign was denounced as inhuman and the German peace offer of last December characterized as ridiculous in a stormy speech by Deputy Hoffman, Socialist, in the Prussian Diet after Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg had delivered his speech promising internal political reorganization and reform of the franchise after the war, according to a Berlin dispatch transmitted by the Central News correspondent at Amsterdam.
Deputy Hoffman, after being thrice called to order, was forced to leave the chamber. Hoffman, according to the dispatch, declared that the military despotism in Germany was causing mad and unnecessary shedding of blood. The Germans, he added, should make known their peace terms, for a mere blank peace offer, without terms, was ridiculous. Submarine warfare, he insisted, was absolutely opposed to the laws of humanity.

New Russ Government Bad News to Germany

By Associated Press
Boulder, Col., March 16.—Count Ilya Tolstol, son of the noted Russian novelist, who is here to-day on a tour of the United States, said he believed the result of the overthrow of the Russian government would be a more vigorous prosecution of the war.
"This is very bad for Germany," said the Count. "It ends her last hope, that of separate peace with Russia."

MARRY IN MONTANA

Friends in this city have received announcements of the marriage of Mrs. Alice M. Ayers, of this city, to George E. Barkley, Wednesday evening, February 28, in Whitefish, Montana. The ceremony was performed at the Presbyterian manse by the Rev. A. N. Sayford. Mrs. Ayers left Harrisburg for the west several months ago and made many warm friends in her new home. Mr. and Mrs. Barkley will reside on his fine ranch at Monk's Bay.

H. A. SEARFAUSS PROMOTED

Henry A. Searfauss, chief machinist at the city pumping station, has been promoted to the position of chief engineer at the filter plant at Island Park. Commissioner William H. Lynch announced to-day. C. E. Danner, who was chief engineer, resigned to engage with the Merchants Ice Company as chief engineer and manager. Mr. Searfauss has been in charge at the pumping station for several years.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take LAXATIVE-BROMO QUININE Tablets. Druggists refund money if fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

SEEK ARMY MAN

El Paso, Tex., March 16.—A non-commissioned officer of the United States quartermaster corps disappeared from here March 7 and secret service agents are to-day making an investigation of any possible connection he may have had with the German government. Although enlisted under an American name, he was said to have had the appearance of a German, speaking English with a German accent.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Illustrated Lecture to The Commonwealth Club

"Under Syrian Skies," is the title of an illustrated lecture to be given by the Rev. Henry W. A. Hanson, of Messiah Lutheran Church, before the members of the Commonwealth Club, Monday evening, March 19th, at 7.45 sharp, in the Young Woman's Christian Association. Several years ago the Rev. Mr. Hanson visited the Holy Land and the slides to be used to illustrate this lecture were made from pictures taken by him on that occasion. The lecture is free to all who are interested.

MISS COBLE'S BIRTHDAY

Miss Irene M. Coble's birthday was happily celebrated Wednesday evening at a party given by Miss Lona Shaw at her home, 624 Kelker street. Roses and Irish greens were used in decorating and Irish songs were sung by the guests.

Refreshments were served to the Misses Irene M. Coble, Sonia Zeger, Helen V. Snodgrass, Bertha Peters, Mary Morgan, Helen D. Etter, Lilly Evans, Hazel Rosenberger, Marie V. Young and Ella Shaffer; Messrs. John Yowler, Alton Snyder, John L. Madden and Joseph Weber.

WITH THE COLONIAL DAMES

Mrs. Mabel Cronise Jones is going to Philadelphia to attend the State meeting of the Colonial Dames of America in the west wing of Independence Hall on Wednesday, March 21. After the business sessions there will be a lecture and concert, followed by a luncheon to the officers, to which Mrs. Jones is invited as a member of the State prize committee of the organization.

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CROCHET CLUB MEETING

Mrs. Harry Houdeshel entertained the "Dew Drop In" Crochet Club at her home, 319 Muech street. Those present were Mrs. Roy Kinmel, Mrs. Paul Stouffer, Mrs. Harper Black, Mrs. Roy Schreiner, Mrs. Jack Arbergast, Mrs. Frank Greenfield and Mrs. Daniel Lowe.

LEAVING FOR NEW HOME

Mrs. C. W. Heyd, of 1432 North Second street, left to-day for Camden, N. J., where Mr. Heyd is connected with the Armstrong Cork Company. Her daughter, Miss Katherine Heyd, leaves to-morrow for their new home, accompanied by Mrs. A. E. Olive, of 317 Woodbine street, who will visit her sister, Mrs. Heyd, for a week or two.

SHIMMELL CENTER-WORK

The Shimmell Community Center Association held a council meeting last evening, when plans were discussed for enlarging the school orchestra and calling the attention of the City Highway Commissioner to the accumulations of dirt and refuse which are such a menace on the streets of East Harrisburg.

PRETTY COSTUME DANCES

Folk dances in costume, vocal solos and readings were followed by a beautiful cantata, "The Lady of Shalott," last evening in the Technical High school auditorium to the delight of a

large audience. The entertainment was given by the girls of the Teachers Training school for the purpose of purchasing a Victrola for the school. The dancers were graceful, the costumes most attractive and the singing all that could be desired.

HERE TO ATTEND FUNERAL

T. D. Ramsey, of Newburgh, former Register of Wills, of Cumberland county, motored here yesterday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Alice Landis, of Progress. He was accompanied by Mr. Powell, of Newburgh. They returned home last evening taking with them Mrs. Landis' aged father, John Row, who has been blind for several years.

SERVICES FOR MRS. STUART

Funeral services for Mrs. Bessie Irene Stuart, aged 35, who died yesterday at the Harrisburg Hospital, will be held to-morrow afternoon at 1 o'clock from the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Smith, 2218 North Sixth street. The Rev. Harvey Klaer, pastor of the Covenant Presbyterian Church, will have charge of the services.

CONCERT AT COVENANT TONIGHT

A feature of the benefit concert to be given in Covenant Presbyterian Church, this evening, will be the band and mandolin club, of the Y. W. C. A. A silver Easter offering will be taken.

Schleisner's Men's Shop

28-30-32 N. 3rd St.

Smart As a Whip—



Dashing young chaps will see the smartness in Schleisner serge and flannel suits for spring \$15 to \$25 —ready now

Top Coats

¶ Trench and Chesterfield models — genuine Jersey knit — gray and heather mixtures— \$20

- ¶ The "hang" of these suits is what appeals to the young fellow.
- ¶ And because he is a dressy sort he naturally wears a Schleisner suit.
- ¶ To be sure—a variety of models—one, two or three buttons—quarter-lined with silk or alpaca—vertical pockets.
- ¶ Single and double-breasted and pinch-backs.

Shell. m. B. Schleisner Stores
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Announce an Event For Saturday In Which There Will Be Offered at Very Special Prices the Following Seasonable Merchandise

This Is an Opportunity of Merit and Is Worthy of Your Immediate Consideration.

Everything Schleisner Quality

Schleisner's the Premier Fashions In Spring Coats

Extensive Variety to Meet All Requirements

Featuring Special For Saturday the Following

—which are shown in full length, three-quarters and sport lengths. The new collars and smart cuffs are distinctive.

Flapper Coats
Special \$12.90

In velours and tricotines in leather, beige, peppermint, gold, tobacco and Hague.

Misses' Coats
Special \$15 and \$18.50

In velour, tricotine, gunniburl and poplin. Half lined and all lined. All shades.

Exquisite Afternoon and Street Frocks

Very Special For Saturday

\$18.50 and \$25.00

Shown in six new models in Georgette crepe, crepe de chine and taffeta. Fascinating Russian models with the desired straight lines. Beige, gray, green, gold and navy.

Announcement Extraordinary

About 250 New Spring Suits For Misses

—procured at advantageous prices while selecting garments for our higher-priced lines.

Will Be Placed on Sale Saturday
Including Values up to \$37.50
at \$22.50 and \$25.00

- ¶ These suits are shown in tailored, dressy and sports models as well as Norfolks. They are strictly Schleisner standard in every way and will be offered at the above prices for Saturday.
- ¶ Materials are wool Jersey, heather mixtures, men's wear serge, Poiret twill, gabardine, velours, tricotines, homespuns, gunniburl, Scotch tweeds and Oxford cloths.
- ¶ Shown in the proper colors for the models and featuring particularly navy.
- ¶ The skirts are tailored to harmonize correctly with the coats.

New Georgette Crepe Blouses Very Special \$3.95

Distinctive models—maize, lace trimmed—orange with whip collar—tea rose and white combined and maize and blue combined.

Crepe de Chine Blouses
Saturday Special
\$2.95

Charming models in flesh, white and maize, smart hemstitched collar and large pearl buttons.

BLACK TAFFETA SKIRTS
very special
Saturday
\$5.95

New Lingerie Blouses
Saturday Special
\$1.95

Lace-trimmed affairs in a dozen different models, featuring the large sailor collar.

Envelope Chemise
Values to \$1.75
Saturday Special
95c

Twelve new models to select from. Of excellent quality nainsook.

Camisoles
of washable satin and crepe de chine.
Saturday Special
75c 89c \$1.15

Beautifully tailored and trimmed styles, in an excellent assortment.

Nainsook Gowns
Values to \$1.75
Saturday Special
95c

Six charming new styles to choose from, each one distinctive.

Gordon Silk Hosiery
Saturday Special
\$1.25

3 Pair For \$3.00
Ask for Gordon-H 300. Selection of black, white and all the prevailing spring shades to match garments.

Kayser Silk Hosiery
Saturday Special
\$1.75

2 Pair For \$3.00
Extra fine in quality and most unusual value for the one day. These in black and white only.

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We Will Offer at the Special Price

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An Unusually Extensive Variety of Trimmed Hats

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