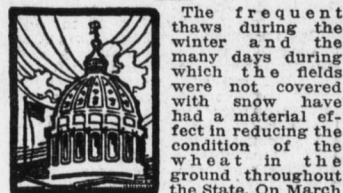


WHEAT HARD HIT BY THE WEATHER

Reports Made to the Capitol Show Extent of the Damage This Year



The frequent thaws during the winter and the many days during which the fields were not covered with snow have had a material effect in reducing the condition of the wheat in the ground throughout the State. On March 7, the condition of wheat throughout the State was reported to the State Department of Agriculture as representing about 87 per cent. of an average condition. In 1916 the condition of the wheat at this time was 94 per cent.

In many sections of the State the warm days followed by cold nights brought about much heaving up of the ground and much of the fall sown wheat was forced out. The changes in the weather will likely cause a large acreage to be plowed down in the spring and from present indications the 1917 yield of wheat will be below that of the past year.

In the great wheat counties of Lancaster, York, Franklin, Berks, Chester and Cumberland, the average condition is 88 per cent. The condition in these counties is: Lancaster, 85 per cent.; York, 88 per cent.; Franklin, 84 per cent.; Berks, 82 per cent.; Chester, 85 per cent.; Cumberland, 87 per cent.

The same weather has had a determining effect on the rye which was sown

in the fall and the general average condition on March 1 is reported at 90 per cent., as compared with 94 per cent. a year ago.

Board Meets—The Workmen's Compensation Board will meet in Philadelphia, March 22 and 23; at Pittsburgh, March 29 and 30, and at Scranton, April 4 and 5.

Two Strikes Settled—Patrick Gilday, chief of the Bureau of Mediation and Arbitration, of the Department of Labor and Industry, arrived in Harrisburg to-day from the western part of the State, and reported to Commissioner John Price Jackson the settlement of two strikes of high class machinists at Beaver Falls. One of these strikes, involving three hundred skilled workers, had been in progress since March 1, at the plant of the Standard Gauge Steel Company. The other strike at the Moltrup Steel Product Company, at Beaver Falls, involved thirty skilled machinists on a strike for fourteen days. Mr. Gilday has also been active in settling and averting disagreements in the bituminous coal field.

Bills Signed—Under the provisions of the Jones Senate bill signed by Governor Brumbaugh last evening the State Highway Department will be able to use for improvement of State highways ways to be constructed in the same manner as State aid highways money appropriated for either highways or State aid roads. The department was held up last summer by decisions that it could not employ money for State aid purposes except for that object.

The enactment of the law will release some money, but will be of advantage in future operations. The Governor also signed the Spangler bill to enable York county to construct a new almshouse, a proposition with which it has some controversy with the State Board of Public Charities.

Shippers Win Case—The Public Service commission last night handed down a decision upholding the complaint of the Pennsylvania Shipper's Association against the Pennsylvania railroad's order which would make rates applicable only to shippers loading from tipples.

Hearing on April 17—The Public Service commission will give a hearing on April 17 on the Bogar complaint against the far zone of the Harrisburg Railways Company on the Capital Hill.

Object to Bill—Objections to the proposed dairy inspection bill were presented to the House Agriculture committee by John A. M. Sparran, master of the State Grange and others. State Veterinarian Marshall, Agricultural Commissioner Phillips and others advocated it as needed.

Capitol Visitors—Congressman T. S. Crago, Greene county; Ex-Speaker Ambler and James Scarlet were Capitol visitors.

Rubinow Ill—Saul Rubinow, legislative correspondent of the Scranton Republican, is seriously ill at his home with diphtheria.

Aldermen Named—Governor Brumbaugh to-day sent to the Senate the appointments of John A. Brown to be alderman of the Fifth ward, and Remuel LaBar, to be alderman of the Sixth ward. The Senate will also name Albert G. Grosh, to be Justice at St. Mary's.

Mr. Sisson Here—Ex-Auditor General A. E. Sisson, of Erie, was at the Capitol.

MRS. MARY C. FIELDS DIES Mrs. Mary C. Fields, aged 34, died yesterday at her home, 1125 North Cameron street. Funeral services will be held from the home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be made in the Lincoln Cemetery. She is survived by her husband, a mother, Mrs. Samuel Keefer, and four brothers.

URGENT STATE POLICE Phillipsburg, Pa., March 21.—The directors of the Chamber of Commerce here have adopted resolutions addressed to the State Legislature urging that the Buckman bill for increasing the membership of the State Constabulary and also increasing the appropriation for its support be enacted at this session.

TO ELECT CONGRESSMAN Concord, N. H., March 21.—The Democratic State committee yesterday set April 24 as the date for the first Congressional District convention to nominate a candidate for successor to Representative Cyrus A. Sulloway, who dies March 30. The committee recommended that town and ward caucuses be held April 5 and April 10. The convention will be held at Manchester.

HELP! HE WANTS A POSTCARD Originality is one of the strong points of the people who make requests for help from the Associated Aid Societies. Yesterday a request was received from a Minnesota town for a postcard showing the State Capitol.

HELD FOR COURT Charlie Stober, 2100 State street, and Mr. Benjamin Conrad, 1733 Fulton street, arrested on a serious charge by the woman's husband, were held under \$500 bail for court at a hearing last night before Alderman James B. DeShong.

RAILROAD RUMBLES

OFFICIAL VISIT STIRS COLUMBIA

Plans For Improvements It Is Said May Exceed Original Figure

Columbia, Pa., March 21.—General Manager S. L. Long, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, with Superintendent William B. McCabe, of the Philadelphia division, visited this place yesterday. They went over the Columbia branch and part of the low grade line. It is said their visit was in connection with the recent announcement of plans for yard extensions at Columbia.

With the general manager were engineers and other officials. The work of filling in of the old canal bed was inspected and a visit made to the tunnel, which, it is said, will be eliminated. No official announcement was made as to the complete plans for the three miles of new tracks and other yard improvements.

May Extend Eastward It is understood that improvements may extend east of Columbia and will include additional track and siding extensions. Reports following the visit of the Pennsylvania Railroad, yesterday also included a new station and office buildings. It is said that when complete plans are ready the total cost of the improvements will exceed the estimate of \$250,000 by at least \$50,000.

RUSSIA PLANS MORE RAILROADS Washington, D. C., March 21.—Extensive railway construction in Russia during the next ten years, aggregating almost 60,000 miles, recommended by a special commission, has been approved by the Russian council of ministers. A report to the Department of Commerce says about \$300,000,000 will be the cost of 51 projected lines, aggregating 20,000 miles, recommended for construction during the period of 1917-1922. It is recommended that other lines totaling 30,000 miles be built between 1922 and 1927.

WILL HOLD BIG MEET Members of the Motive Power Athletic Association of the Philadelphia Division, Pennsylvania Railroad, will hold a big meet March 31. The program will include a dance and the big event is scheduled to take place in the gymnasium, at Seventh and Rely streets. The contests will include basketball, tug-of-war, quilts and wrestling. Invitations will be sent to athletes of other departments to participate.

Standing of the Crews HARRISBURG SIDE Philadelphia Division—123 first to go after 6 p. m.: 121. Conductors for 123, 121. Brakemen for 123, 121. Engineers up: Brodacker, Simmons.

Firemen up: Bryness, Hoffman, Miller, Kugler. Conductor up: Hooper. Brakemen for 123, 121, W. D. T. Smith, G. Mummaw, Dressler, Reese, Essig, Crosby.

Middle Division—31 crew to go first after 3:10 p. m.: 6, 18, 27, 1, 22, 24, 21, 25, 110. Engineers for 27, 110. Firemen for 18, 110. Flagman for 27.

Brakemen for 3, 110. Engineers up: Bomberger, A. C. Burris, Tetterer, Bowers, Snyder, Cook, Nickles.

Firemen up: Bittins, Kiner. Conductor up: Rhine, Myers, Kowatch, Valentine, Yost, Rowe, Kraft, Doyle, Campbell, Blessing, Aughe.

Yard Crews—Engineers for 6, 14, 20. Firemen for third 8, fifth 8, 16, 18, second 22, third 24, 28, 62. Engineers up: Starnor, Morrison, Monroe, Beatty, Peas, Kautz, Wagner, Shade, McCord, Morris, McDonnell, Wise, Watts, Sieber, Cleland, Goodman.

Firemen up: Vuchity, Rodenhafer, Black, Smith, Howbar, Shoemaker, Roth, Hassler, Spahr, McCormick, Ostot, Byran, Lawrence, Sheaffer, Wichello, Dearolf, Stine, Paul, Ross, Cocklin, Brickley.

ENOLA SIDE Philadelphia Division—The 203 crew first after 3:45 p. m.: 230, 253, 238, 201, 217, 226, 212, 219, 208. Engineers for 203, 201, 217, 212. Conductors for 203, 217, 219, 230, 235. Flagmen for 217, 230. Brakemen for 203, 212, 219, 226, 235.

Conductor up: Logan. Brakemen up: Yost, Doudy. Middle Division—The 109 crew first after 3:30 p. m.: 113, 16, 33, 109, 251, 229, 221. Engineers for 115, 16. Firemen for 113, 109. Conductor for 109. Flagman for 113.

Yard Crews—Engineers for 1st 108, 2d 126, 132. Firemen for 1st 126, 132. Engineers up: Smith, Branyan, Bretz, Kauffman, Reese, Anthony, Nuemyer.

Firemen up: Murray, Books, Walsh, C. H. Hall, Rice, Guilherm, E. E. Koller, S. Hall, Eicheberger, Hinkle, Haubert, Myers.

PASSENGER SERVICE Middle Division—Extra engine-men marked up at 12:01 p. m.—O. Taylor, R. M. Crane, R. E. Crum, O. L. Miller, D. Keane, F. McC. Buck, H. P. Krepps, E. W. Graham, T. D. Crane, G. G. Keister, S. H. Alexander, W. D. McDougal.

Engine-men for: cpd. 49, 7, 69. Extra Firemen marked up at 12:01 p. m.—H. D. Bowman, E. E. Koller, J. M. Hopkins, H. M. Cornprobt, O. L. Holtzman, R. M. Lyter, N. G. Gates, W. O. Bealor, C. W. Winand, H. O. Hartzel, E. Dystiger.

Firemen wanted for: cpd. 49, 663. Philadelphia Division—Extra engine-men marked up at 12:01 p. m.—J. G. Bliss, B. F. Lippi, W. S. Lindley, H. Smeizer, E. W. Guilherm, M. Plean, C. R. Osmond, J. C. Davis, W. V. Crisswell.

Engine-men wanted: None; 1 Philadelphia crew here. Extra Firemen marked up at 12:01 p. m.—H. M. Bleich, C. D. Burley, J. S. Lenig, J. M. White, W. E. Ault-house, W. W. Hershey, J. N. Shindler, E. W. Johnson, E. E. Horstick, H. S. Copeland.

Firemen wanted for: P-38, 1 Philadelphia crew here.

THE READING Harrisburg Division—9 crew first to go after 12:15 o'clock; 2, 4, 7. Eastbound—62 crew first to go after 2:15 p. m.: 4, 6, 11. Firemen for 62, 69, 2, 9, 11. Brakemen for 62, 69, 2, 15, 18. Engineers up: Booser, Bowman, Ruth, Little, Freed, Laudig, Minnich, Morne, Wieracki, Mackey, G. Lackey, Jones, Hallenbach, Ditvo, Richwine, Billig.

Firemen up: Steiges, Grove, Eslinger, Miller, Snade, Klinger, Krill, Seiders, Kistner, Vinton. Brakemen up: Kuhn, Parr, Kimmel, Newell, Trone, Stutzman, Filbert, Detrick, Spertzel, Farmer, Edmondson.

PENNSY BOWLERS PLAN BIG SERIES

Anxious to Pick Railroad Champion; Car Shop Team Is Big Winner

Bowlers representing the various departments of the Pennsylvania Railroad are planning for a tournament. There are several leagues now furnishing raw sport, and there is a desire to ascertain who are the railroad champions in this section. It is probable that a meeting of representatives from various organizations will be held in the near future.

Car Shop Team Wins On the P. R. Y. M. C. A. alleys at Enola last night the bowlers from the office of General Foreman H. G. Hassler lost to the Car Shop team. The losers, picked as champions, fell down. Troup, the giant, was not in form, and Cunkle was also off in his work. Diller was the star bowler in the game. The scores follow:

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Peace Federation Protests Against Wood's Speeches

New York, March 21.—The Emergency Peace Federation, in a statement issued to-day, supports Dr. David Jordan, chancellor of Leland Stanford University, in his protest to the War Department against recent speeches of Major General Leonard Wood. "It was not one speech, but a number of them, made by General Wood, says the federation, which we think highly improper from an officer in active service. Some time ago in California General Wood made speeches advocating preparedness against possible war with Japan."

General Wood, in reply, says that his recent speech at the Economic Club dinner here, which is supposed to have called forth these protests, made no reference to war with any country. "It was simply a protest," said the General, "against the individualistic views of certain speakers who had preceded me. In haven't spoken in California since 1915, and then no reference was made to possible war with Japan."

HEAR OF MEDICINAL PLANTS Dr. George C. Potts gave an interesting talk last night before the Natural History Society at its regular meeting in the State Library on the various medicinal plants which grow in this section. He was followed by Professor John F. Kolb, who gave a general talk on poisonous plants and told especially of those which grow near here.

RAILROAD NOTES

J. B. Allen, storehouse attendant at night at the Enola Car Shops is off duty on account of sickness. P. B. McMullen, employed in the Enola storehouse has reported for duty after being off for some time on account of sickness.

James W. Anderson, hostler at No. 2 Enginehouse will leave with his wife for New York City to take in the Hippodrome.

Foreman G. W. Cromleigh of the Lucknow car shops received as a present from the boys of the clerk's office, a very handsome and unique pencil sharpener. It is of a rare design and of very antique type.

M. L. Peters, sergeant in Company A, Eighth Pennsylvania Infantry, at the border, has resumed his duties as freight brakeman for the Pennsylvania Railroad.

C. N. Shelly, a Pennsylvania Railroad yard clerk, who has been on the sick list, has resumed his duties at York.

Brakeman E. A. Malehorn, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, who had been ill, is able to be about and will resume his duties this week.

Baltimore and Ohio officials have notified all tramen that they will get overtime in accordance with the eight-hour pay schedule dating from January 1. A total of \$500,000 will be paid out.

French Guard Swiss Food Inspectors to Prevent Feeding Teutons

Paris, March 21.—The French government is making a special effort to see that food importations into Switzerland shall not be interfered with as long as they are applied solely to the needs of the Swiss. Denys Cochlin, minister of blockade in Premier Briand's cabinet, has been in Bern recently going over the entire Swiss food question with members of the Swiss government.

Mr. Cochlin explained to-day that the object of the French government was to do everything possible to aid in the ample provisioning of the Swiss but to prevent at the same time any margin being left for reexport to Germany. Germany's agents, he said, were endeavoring to strip the Swiss market of everything buyable.

"Mr. Cochlin explained to-day that the imports into Switzerland for last year, of grain for instance, and subtract from them the exports of grain to Germany. The remainder tells the bread requirements of the Swiss people."

Mr. Cochlin said that the Germans were paying about 1,800 Swiss francs a head for Swiss cattle. With a depreciation of 37 per cent. in the mark this would make the actual price in Germany about 2,300 marks a head.

POOLROOM BILL IS RECONSIDERED

House Passes Finally Measure For Steam and Electric Railway Connection

The House reconsidered the Rich bill regulating hours of pool rooms and bowling alleys and put it on the postponed calendar. The House adjourned at 12:55 p. m. until 10 a. m. Thursday. The House passed finally: Providing for connections between steam and electric railroads under supervision of the Public Service Commission. Requiring notice to be given to officials of injury sustained on any municipal or county property.

Permitting payment of fines and costs in criminal cases in installments. Fixing the third Wednesday of September as the municipal primary. Regulating salaries of criers and tipsters in Allegheny county. Providing fees and mileage for witnesses in coroner's inquests. Senate bills amending acts relative to sales of decedent's estates. Senate bill regulating claims for labor and material on contracts. Senate bill fixing salaries of poor directors in Allegheny county at \$3,500. Senate bill requiring county commissioners to furnish rooms for judges.

T. R. GETS MEDAL New York, March 21.—The David Livingston centenary medal was given to Theodore Roosevelt last night at a meeting of the American Geographical Society. The honor was in recognition of services to the science of geography performed by Colonel Roosevelt on the trip down the River of Doubt.

Thursday We Will Launch a GIGANTIC SUIT & DRESS SALE

One hundred high-class, fine Serge, Poplin and Jersey Cloth Suits will be sold at \$17.95 right now at the dawn of the season when other stores are holding out for high prices, we will sell \$20.00, \$22.50 and \$25.00 Suits for \$17.95

Table listing various clothing items and prices, including suits, dresses, and skirts.

Advertisement for Jas. H. Brenner Ladies Fashionable Outer Garments, located at No. 6 South Fourth Street.

Advertisement for Carter's Iron Pills, featuring the 'The Wise Old Bird' logo and text describing the benefits of the pills.

Advertisement for Mack's Dental Offices, located at 310 Market Street, offering dental services.

Large advertisement for Harrisburg Gas Company, featuring the slogan 'Always Ready to Serve' and listing contact information.

Large advertisement for Andrew Redmond's VIM Delivery Car, featuring the slogan 'Is Your Wife to Blame for the Size of the Bills?' and an illustration of the car.