

### MINE CHIEF HAS NEW SAFETY BILL

#### Would Regulate Use of Electricity in Mines; Has Governor's Support



With the introduction of electricity into the coal mines of the State, has come a new element of danger to the employes.

However, as electricity, both as a means of power and illumination, has come to stay, the Department of Mines is concerned as to have all electrical equipment installed in such a way as to minimize to the utmost the dangers attending its use.

On this subject Chief Roderick of the Department of Mines addressed Governor Brumbaugh as follows:

"Referring to my letter of yesterday regarding the accident at the Robinade mine of the Conemaugh Smokeless Coal Company, and in which I expressed a belief that some legislation should be enacted regarding the installation of electricity in mines, I beg to say that I feel it my duty, owing to the recent explosions in coal mines from the use, or rather the misuse, of electricity, to introduce a bill, the purpose of which will be to minimize accidents from this cause.

"I am sure that this measure is a step in the right direction, but the bill will not be introduced until I hear from you."

Governor Brumbaugh stated in his answer that "it is important that the State should safeguard the lives of the miners in every way known. I think," he said, "it well to have a bill prepared immediately to prohibit the use

of electricity under the present methods of mining coal."

Chief Roderick has had a bill drawn under the advice and with the assistance of an expert electrician that, he says, will give to the mine employes the greatest possible protection from the dangers that have heretofore been encountered in the use of electricity. The bill will be introduced in the House next Monday evening.

**State Insurance Fund.**—Widespread interest in the Pennsylvania State Workmen's Insurance fund is evidenced by the following letter, received by Albert L. Allen, assistant manager of the State fund, from A. W. Wodwyn, insurance commissioner of Queensland, Australia:

"Information was recently published in the newspapers here to the effect that your fund has declared dividends of from 10 to 15 per cent. to policyholders insured with your State fund.

"As we are transacting the whole of the workmen's compensation insurance of this State the success of State workers' compensation elsewhere is a matter of very great interest to me. I shall be very much obliged if you will kindly forward me a copy of your annual report and put my name on your mailing list in order that I may receive future reports when issued.

"I shall be very pleased to reciprocate if desired.

Yours obediently,  
(Signed) A. W. WODWYN,  
Insurance Commissioner,  
Queensland, Australia."

### Claster's Unique Plan For Assisting Red Cross

Henry C. Claster, jeweler, 202 Market street, has inaugurated a unique movement looking toward the assistance of the American Red Cross.

For ten days ten per cent. of the gross receipts from his business will be set aside for this worthy cause, and turned over to the American Red Cross at the end of the ten-day period in a lump sum.

Wednesday of this week marked the innovation of the plan, and for ten days from that day, one-tenth of the receipts of the store will be set aside for the Red Cross Fund.

### WARNS AGAINST RIOTS IN U. S.

#### U. S. District Attorney Cautions People Not to Let Passion Rule Them

A letter cautioning every one to refrain from letting their passions overrule their better judgment in attacks on natives of a foreign power is being spread broadcast throughout this district by Rogers L. Burnett, United States attorney in the middle district of Pennsylvania.

"In the absence of any method established by law to afford protection to citizens or subjects of a nation with which the United States is at war, and who may be resident or sojourning in the United States, it seems advisable for the department at this time to indicate to its officers its views.

"Experience in other countries has demonstrated that especially at the outbreak of hostilities and immediately thereafter, innocent persons have lost their lives or suffered serious property damage at the hands of mobs and of more or less irresponsible individuals, and instead in some instances at the hands of persons who are ordinarily sober and conservative citizens, but who have temporarily allowed their passions to get the better of their good judgment.

**Riots Would Be Blot**  
"The Department feels very strongly that any violence directed against persons simply because of their nationality or friendly attitude toward a country with which the United States may be at war would be a most serious blot upon the name of this country.

"Citizens of a foreign country with whom the United States may be at war who engage in improper or unlawful activities against it or its citizens will be promptly and adequately dealt with in accordance with law, but all who refrain from such hostilities and abide by the laws of this country

are entitled to pursue in peace their lives and occupations.

"You are earnestly requested to use your influence to prevent any outrages whatever of the character above outlined, and to communicate, if you think this course practicable, with the county attorneys, sheriffs, etc., in the same manner as directed in the recent circular letters of the Department with respect to the detention and prevention of hostile activities, in an effort to secure their co-operation in this matter.

It is believed that you can count upon the support and assistance of the citizens of this country almost solidly in this matter when they have had an opportunity to consider it, and that they will regard the protection of peaceful aliens as an important patriotic duty.

"I cannot urge too strongly the importance of your giving to this matter your best efforts, especially until such time as Congress may be able to provide specific and more effectual means for dealing with it."

### Kaufman's Buys Stocks of Late Michael Strouse Store

The entire stock of men's and boys' clothing, hats and furnishings of the store at 313 Market street, conducted for many years by the late Michael Strouse, has been purchased by the Kaufman Underselling Stores. Negotiations were completed to-day through the Commonwealth Trust Company attorneys in fact for the administrators of the store.

The stocks in question are now being transferred to the Kaufman Stores, where they will be marked and arranged for a special sale, announcement of which will be made later.

**CHURCH TO HELP**  
Boston, April 13. — Next Sunday is to be observed as a patriotic day by the churches of this State. The recruiting committee of the State committee of public safety has asked all clergymen to preach on the need of men for the various branches of the military and naval service. Cardinal O'Connell promised the committee his co-operation, and protestant churches will join in the observance.

### BRITISH LINE IN GREAT BATTLE

#### Germany Forced Back to Emergency Positions by Canadian Troops

With the British Armies in France, April 13, via London.—(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press).—Under improved weather conditions there was stiff fighting along virtually two-thirds of the British front to-day. In addition to the gain made in the new attack between Hargicourt and Metz en Couture the British are making progress further north. Another miles of the Hindenburg line southeast of Arras has been taken as shown by last night's official communication giving a total width of three and one-half miles to the turning movement at the top of this famous position.

In falling back the Germans are making in the direction of an emergency auxiliary line to the rear of the Hindenburg line called the Drocourt-Queant line. Work on this position is far from complete and the Germans seem to have had no idea of using it except as a last resort. They are now fighting under orders to delay the British advance at every possible point to permit completion of the work of making the new position defensible.

On retiring from the Somme last month the Germans apparently expected to hold all the Hindenburg line southeast from Arras in front of Cambrai and through St. Quentin and Laon. The important point at the northern end of this line was Vimy ridge. There is no doubt the Germans never expected to be driven off that ridge by a frontal attack, as was done by the Canadians on Monday.

### NEWS OF STEELTON

#### CLUB ENCOURAGES TOWN GARDENING

##### Henry Kelker Estate Gives 3 Acres of Plowed Ground to Civic Club

As a step toward solving the high cost of living problem, the borough Civic Club has obtained three acres of tilled soil through the action of the Henry Kelker estate.

The land, which is located near the Luther Kelker parkway and has already been plowed, was given to the Civic Club for its use. The Civic Club will launch plans at its meeting Tuesday afternoon for distributing the land and making efforts to secure other plots of ground in the borough which are not in use.

It is probable that the Civic Club will secure some persons who are capable of instructing persons in farming and tilling the soil for giving lessons. The Civic Club started the Tuesday afternoon for utilizing vacant land and will go into the project much deeper this year.

Plans for opening the club's garden school on Cottage Hill are being made and some public plans will be submitted to the club at the meeting Tuesday.

Sheldon Funk, a State lecturer, will address the meeting on "Life and Flowers," Tuesday afternoon.

#### Many Attend Second Cosmopolitan Dance

The second annual Cosmopolitan dance was held in Frey's Hall, Front and Pine streets, last night. The walls of the building were decorated with national colors showing over cavalry yellow and infantry blue. Varied colored inflated balloons were strung in rows across the ceiling.

The guests included: John Garrett, Alexander Hersh, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kain, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Morton, Lester McDonald, George Doelne, Moe Cooper, Wilmont Rudy, Walter Keyser, Donald Wren, Frank Francis, Dr. Cumber, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mumma, Elmer Ross, Earl Bates, Ben Yoffee, Jaeger Turano, George Wren, Miss Mary Shelley, Miss May Huston, Miss Anna Marks, Miss Ella Marks, Miss Catherine Crawford, Miss Helen Tetter, Miss May Elder, Miss Dorothy McCoy, Miss Catherine Frey, Miss Sarah Darkin, Miss Alice Snyder, Miss Maria Gracy, Miss Margaret Cumming, Miss Ruth Cumming, Miss Martha Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Bowman, Harry Day, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nowak, Walter Hopple, Herman Shelley, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Nelly, Robert Sanders, Ralph Beshore, Edward Phillips, Paul Kirby, Fred Wraschky, Miss Myra Stahley, Mrs. Watson, Miss Lou Earnst, Miss Marie Shoddy, Miss Ethel Felix, Miss Esther Baughman, Miss Ruth Richards, Miss Maude Piese, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Egan, Mr. and Mrs. James Lutz, Philip Fairlamb, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Shelley, Miss Mayme Brandt, Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Wright, Martin Keet, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Stees, Mr. and Mrs. J. Coder, Jack Kuhns, Mr. Stroup, Raymond Snydam, William Marks, Lawrence Brandt, Ross Willis, Irvin Yoffee, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Toomey, Dan Walters, Douglas Beidel, Mr. and Mrs. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Fairlamb, Miss Hilda Snyder, Miss Margaret Pomroy, Mrs. Lowenstein, Miss Emeline Steven, Miss Beeda Jones, Miss Vera Van Horn, Miss Stella Weaver, Miss Norma Brandt, Miss Jessie Sharosky, Miss Margaret Dunn, Miss Miriam Hempt, Miss Helen Shelley, Miss Nell Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Shelley, Miss Carrie Weirich, Miss Freeda Stees, Miss Phoebe Shelley, Miss Marie Toomey, Miss Evelyn Waidley, Carl B. Shelley, Richard Mumma, Frank Turano, Ben Sellers, Phil Waidley and Roy Shelley.

#### Steelton Snapshots

**Reception to New Members**—New members taken into the First Presbyterian Church during the past year will be given a reception in the church next Wednesday evening. The reception will follow the annual congregational meeting, which will be held at 7:30 o'clock.

**Birth Announcements**—Mr. and Mrs. Chester John, 273 South Second street, announce the birth of a son, Ralph Stanley John, Tuesday, April 10, 1917.

**Y. M. C. A. Play**—Plans are being made by the Dramatic Club of the Young Men's Christian Association for a play to be given Tuesday, May 8. Some of the best talent in Harrisburg and Steelton will be employed. Rehearsals are being held daily.

**To Preach at St. John's**—In the absence of the Rev. G. N. Lauffer, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, the Rev. C. F. Sanders, of Gettysburg, will preach Sunday morning and evening.

#### MIDDLETOWN

At a meeting of the congregation of the M. E. Church last evening reports from all of the officers were made. The Rev. James Cunningham, the pastor was presented with a bouquet by N. C. Fuhrman, superintendent of the Sunday school.

The Sunday school class of A. S. Quicke, of the St. Peter's Lutheran Sunday school, held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles Gilbert, Spring street, last evening.

Mrs. Robert Baird and two children, of Lancaster, are visiting here.

A union cottage proyermeeting will be held at the home of Jacob Kinsay, Swatara street, this evening.

The implement shed of W. G. Lauer, of Kingston, was destroyed by fire Wednesday at a loss of about \$400.

Mrs. H. H. Rhoads took part in the musicale given by the Wednesday Club held in Fahnstock Hall, Harrisburg, Wednesday morning.

The Woman's Club and Mothers' Congress Circle have appointed the following committee on the school garden work: Mrs. H. S. Roth, Mrs. D. W. Huntsberger, Mrs. Ross Seltzer, Mrs. H. C. Lindenmuth, Mrs. A. L. Etter, Mrs. J. C. Lingle, Mrs. Christ Ober, Mrs. J. O. Covan, Mrs. Charles Bowers and Mrs. C. Etnoyer.

Mrs. Elmer Henry and two children returned to their home at Chester yesterday.

#### County Commissioners to Repair Roadway in East Hanover Township

County Commissioners to-day passed a resolution to have permanent improvements made on the roadway in East Hanover township from the Swatara creek, at Linesville to the State highway at Granville, a distance of almost three miles.

The work will probably be done next year, after viewers have been appointed and final arrangements made for the improvements. State aid will probably be asked.

Repairs on the Horseshoe Pike between Hookersville and Campbells town will be started at once. It was decided to-day. This will include laying of drainage pipes, re-surfacing and filling of all holes.

#### Cottage Hill Garden Plots Are Put on Sale By Mrs. G. P. Vanier

Mrs. George P. Vanier, chairman of the gardening committee of the Civic Club announced this afternoon that the plots of ground on Cottage Hill used for gardening purposes were ready for use and would be sold on application to her. The cost is five cents the season.

There are sixty-two plots, which are fifteen by twenty feet in size. The plots which in former years were sold to children this year will be disposed of to mothers. The reason for the change is that the children last year became so interested in playground work that the gardens were not given much attention. This is the sixth year for this plan of gardening.

#### Red Cross Officers to Launch Publicity Work For Members Next Week

Erection of a large clock in Front street showing the increase in new members in the local Red Cross Society in its campaign for 2,000, to be started next week, and placing of a large sign at the Trinity Parish house which is the headquarters of the society, were discussed by officers this afternoon at the weekly sewing class.

Including new members to-day the membership now totals nearly 200. By a house to house canvass and an extensive publicity campaign, officers expect to bring the membership to their adopted slogan in several weeks. Officers have ordered 1,000 Red Cross buttons to be distributed among the new members as they are secured. These buttons are expected in a few days.

Work on bath robes was started this afternoon. Completion of surgical shirts and other materials was made to-day and they will be arranged for shipment. About thirty-five women worked this afternoon.

#### OBERLIN

The Federation of Men's Bible Classes of Oberlin, Enhaut and Bressler will meet Sunday afternoon in Salem Lutheran Church at 2:30, and will be addressed by the Rev. Dr. Thomas Reich, of Christ's Lutheran Church, Harrisburg.

The Rev. H. S. Kiefer, pastor of the United Brethren Church, spent several days at Union Deposit on church matters.

Miss Helen Brehm took part in the "Students' Recital" Thursday evening given by Mrs. M. P. Froehlich at Fahnstock Hall, Harrisburg. She will graduate this summer.

Miss Ethel Horner entertained a number of friends at her home last evening in honor of Miss Nelle Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. John Mohn, of Harrisburg.

The semiannual District Sunday School convention will meet Thursday evening at the Lutheran Church, and will be addressed by State officials.

Mrs. Morris Tobias, Mrs. William Look, and Mrs. Jacob Berkhimer of Oberlin, and Mrs. Tanner, of Kansas, visited their sister, Mrs. Mary Noecker at Linesville on Wednesday.

Miss Ella McHenry, of Philadelphia, was entertained several days this week by Mrs. Roy Osman.

Wayne Horner, son of William Horner, who is a junior in our high school, missed his first attendance since childhood, on account of a severe attack of quinsy.

Eugene Rehkugler, who has been sick for a week, is around again.

The Rev. I. S. Hicks, of the A. M. E. Church, will exchange pulpits with the Rev. Russee Clark, of Middletown, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George McKinney, of Gettysburg, are visiting their son Robert this week.

Mrs. L. L. Dintiman and her mother, Mrs. William Cullings, who have been sick for some time, are convalescing.

Mrs. F. Webster Brood is visiting her parents for several weeks, in Philadelphia.

#### A CHILD DOESN'T LAUGH AND PLAY IF CONSTIPATED

Look, Mother! Is tongue coated, breath feverish and stomach sour?

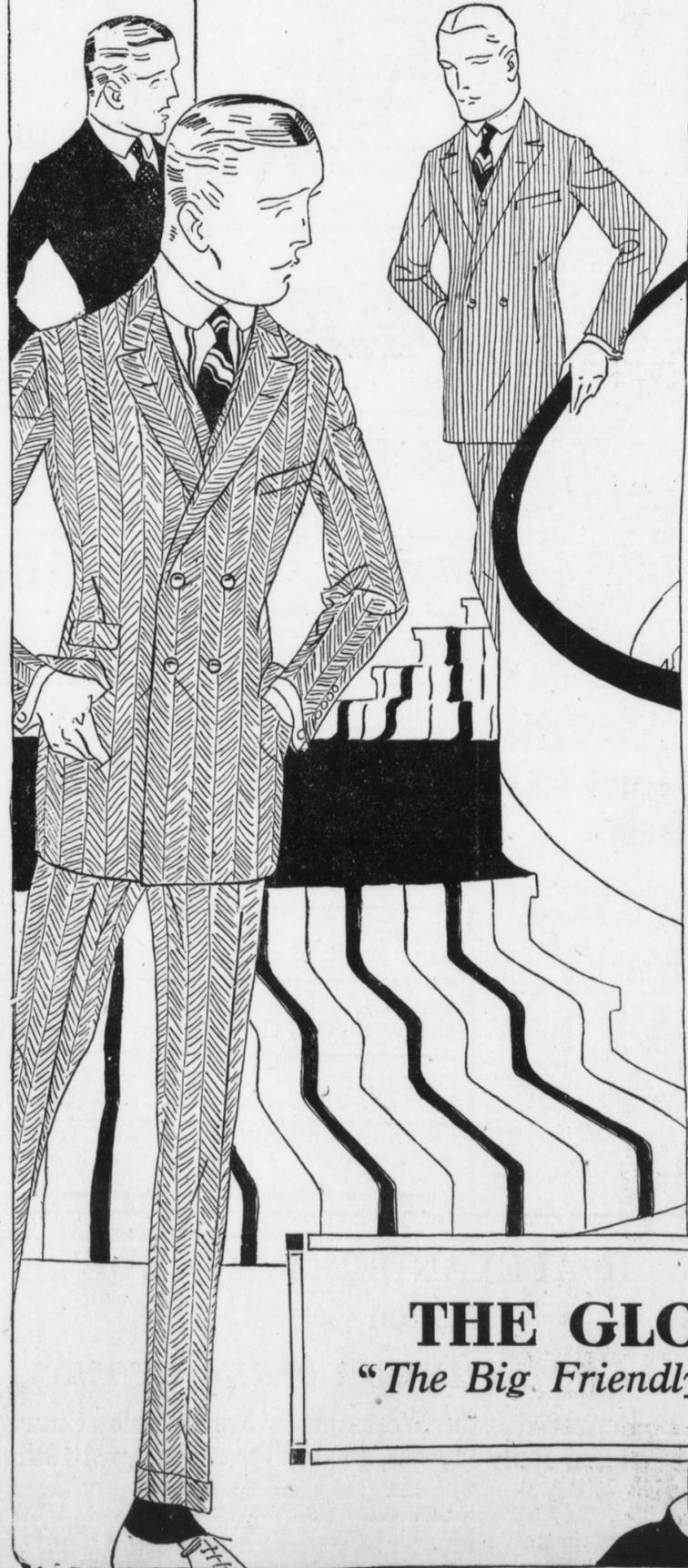
"California Syrup of Figs" can't harm tender stomach, liver, bowels.

A laxative to-day saves a sick child to-morrow. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste, liver gets sluggish; stomach sour.

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless, doesn't eat heartily, full of cold or has sore throat or any other children's ailment, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry, because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. A thorough "inside cleansing" is oftentimes all that is necessary. It should be the first treatment given in any sickness.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."

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