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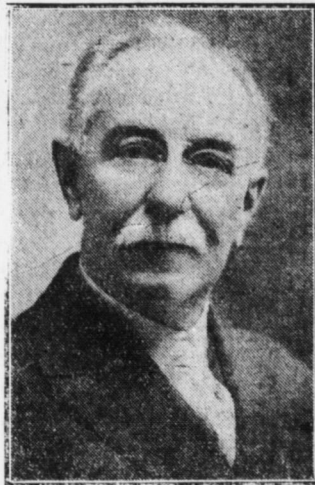
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CITY CLERK MILLER UNANIMOUSLY VOTED MAYOR BY COUNCIL

Life-long Ambition Realized by Election; Widespread Approval Expressed Over City; Sworn in Before noon; Succeeded by R. Ross Seaman; Will Serve Unexpired Term of Dr. Meals Which Runs Until Last of Year; Overwhelmed by Storm of Congratulations



Charles A. Miller

City Clerk Charles A. Miller was unanimously elected Mayor by Council this morning to succeed the late Dr. E. S. Meals. He was sworn into office at once, and R. Ross Seaman, assistant city clerk, who was elevated to succeed Mayor Miller, also took the oath of office.

The election came as the closing act of the morning session. Commissioner W. H. Lynch made a motion to proceed to nominations for Mayor. Commissioner E. Z. Gross, park superintendent, then took the floor and nominated City Clerk Miller.

"I feel it an honor," Mr. Gross began, "to further honor one of our number who has been faithful beyond comment and who had the esteem of the people of Harrisburg. I am sure there is no one better qualified for Mayor and I nominate our beloved friend, Charles A. Miller."

Elected Unanimously In the rear of the council chamber a large crowd had gathered among them city and county officials, businessmen and a number of citizens. The nomination was applauded heartily.

Acting Mayor William L. Gorgas, who was presiding, before a vote was called, said he had been urged to support ex-Mayor John K. Royal, but that he believed it to be the best duty he could perform to vote for Mr. Miller.

The ballot was then taken, each of the commissioners naming "Charles A. Miller" as their names were called. Mr. Gorgas then announced that the vote had been drawn from the city clerk's chair, that he had been unanimously elected.

received another ovation from the police department. City Clerk Seaman became clerk to ex-Mayor Gross in September, 1906. When the late Mayor Meals was elected for his first term in 1908 Mr. Seaman was retained.

In December, 1908, Mr. Seaman was made messenger and chief page to Council, holding this position until November 29, 1911, when by ordinance Council changed his office to that of assistant city clerk, which position he has held ever since.

He will serve until the municipal election in November when the office must be filled by balloting by the registered voters. Charles A. Miller Mayor Miller is one of the best-known authorities on municipal law in the state. His election is the fulfillment of a life-long ambition to serve as mayor of Harrisburg.

William J. Lescure Elected Head of C. V. Telephone Co. by Board of Directors At the regular meeting of the board of directors of the Cumberland Valley Telephone Company yesterday afternoon the following officers were elected: President, William J. Lescure; vice-president, Charles A. Kunkel; secretary and treasurer, O. K. Klines; chairman of the board of directors, S. W. Foultes; general manager, Cameron L. Baer. William J. Lescure fills a vacancy caused by the resignation of Henry M. Tracy.

The recently organized board of directors consists of William J. Lescure, Charles A. Kunkel, and W. Grant Rauch, of Harrisburg; Frank A. Zimmerman, Chambersburg; S. W. Shunkwiler, Lewistown; Henry M. Tracy, S. W. Foultes, A. E. Pendergast and James K. Trimble, all of Philadelphia. The new board has since its reorganization. The Cumberland Valley Telephone Company was formed by the merger of several smaller companies which had been operating in the area.

New Cumberland Man Is Motorcycle Victim Chester Baker, of New Cumberland, was found unconscious beside his motorcycle on the Market street bridge this morning, according to the office of Dr. E. E. Dickinson where he was treated for an injured arm and bruises about the face and body.

German Steamships to Carry U. S. Merchandise In announcing the step to-day Secretary Redfield said the steamer Mark, Bechum and Princess Alice would sail from the Philippines soon with cargoes of hemp. Three other large vessels formerly German-owned, are being repaired for similar use.

JOSEPH H. CHOATE, EX-AMBASSADOR, DIES SUDDENLY

Was Lawyer of International Fame and Noted After-Dinner Wit

ACTIVE TO THE LAST Took Big Part in Reception of British and French Missions

New York, May 15.—Joseph Hodges Choate, former ambassador to Great Britain and a lawyer of international fame, died suddenly of heart disease at his home in this city last night. Mr. Choate complained yesterday morning of feeling depressed and his physician was called. Mr. Choate was ordered to remain in bed, but later in the day he left his room several times to transact pressing business affairs.

Notwithstanding his advanced years Mr. Choate took an active part in the entertainment last week of the French and British war commissioners in New York. He was chairman of the reception committee which met at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel.

Friend of Balfour Mr. Choate was a personal friend of the British foreign secretary and they saw much of each other during the stay of the British commission. His active participation in the

Meeting of Commission to Lay Plans For Co-operation With State Committee

Governor Brumbaugh to-day signed the bill creating the State Commission of Public Safety and Defense and carrying an appropriation of \$2,000,000 in the presence of Lieutenant Governor McClain, Auditor General Snyder, State Treasurer Kephart and Adjutant General Stewart. The Governor is chairman and Mr. McClain is secretary of the commission.

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Corporal Falling Over Gun Wounds Private Philadelphia, Pa., May 15.—Oscar C. Moser, 22 years old, of this city, private in Company D, First Pennsylvania Infantry, was shot early today by a corporal of his company and is dying in a hospital. The shooting is said to have been accidental.

Drop Dead While at work in the Harrisburg Shoe Factory this morning about 10 o'clock, Frederick Hodgkins, aged 55, dropped dead. He was a shoe cutter and resided at 99 North Seventeenth street. Coroner Kechlinger is investigating the cause of the death.

THEY WILL GREET THE NEW RUSSIAN REPUBLIC



These men of all political faiths, including General Scott, chief of the General Staff of the United States Army, and Admiral Glennon of the navy, will go to Russia to welcome the new republic. The commission is headed by former Secretary of War and State Elihu Root, but it contains a labor man in the person of James Duncanson, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, and a Socialist in Charles Edward Russell, of New York.

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WOMEN DOING MORE GARDENING THAN HUSBANDS

Cultivating More Than Half of Nineteen Acres in Garden Plots

The women of Harrisburg will do more toward increasing the vegetable crop in this city than their husbands, according to a report of the Agricultural committee of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce on the garden plots under its supervision, made public to-day.

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Bills Carrying Total of \$3,390,940,000 Approved by Committee

MONEY FOR NEW SHIPS Huge Sums to Be Spent For Heavy Army Ordnance

Washington, May 15.—All appropriations records of Congress were broken to-day when the Senate Appropriations Committee reported the War, Army and Navy deficiency bill, carrying a total of \$3,390,940,000, including \$400,000,000 for construction and purchase of an American merchant marine.

May Take Over Plants Legislation authorizing the government to take over necessary shipbuilding facilities also was approved. The appropriations which will be added to the \$2,800,000,000 Army and Navy war budget, \$750,000,000 will be authorized for new construction and slightly less than \$150,000,000 for purchase of ships wherever available, including those now being built for the British government and other foreign builders.

Make Preparations Here For Registration of Conscripts Under Bill

First preparations for the registration of men in Dauphin county who may be subject to conscription for military service were made to-day when Clerk Ed. H. Fisher, of the county commissioners' office, sent out notices to residential poll district assessors in each polling district in the county. The notification follows:

Office of County Commissioner, Harrisburg, May 15, 1917. The United States Government requests that on the day determined upon for registration of residents of Dauphin county, between the ages of 21 and 30 years inclusive, for Selective Military Service, the registrars and assessors lead the registrants without pay as a matter of patriotic duty. Please advise the commissioners without delay whether you will perform this service.

Roland S. Morris Former Democratic Chairman, to Be Made Ambassador

Washington, May 15.—Roland S. Morris, of Philadelphia, has been virtually decided upon by President Wilson for ambassador to Japan to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George W. Guthrie, of Pittsburgh. It was said to-day that the resolution authorizing his appointment would be made within a few days.

President to Discuss Food Control With Administration Leaders

Washington, May 15.—Food control legislation and the food situation in the United States and the allied countries will be discussed to-night at a conference between President Wilson, Secretary Houston and members of the Senate and House committees on agriculture. Administration leaders are eager to have Congress busy itself with food control measures as soon as possible.

To Send Out 1917 City Tax Statements Monday

City Treasurer Harry F. Oves announced to-day that all 1917 city tax statements will be mailed to taxpayers next Monday. This is the first time a city treasurer has completed an arrangement for sending out the notices before June 1. All persons making payments on or before July 31 will be allowed a one per cent. abatement; those paying during August will be charged the regular tax rate of nine mills. Taxes not paid before September 1 will be subject to a three per cent. penalty.

AGREE WITH KAISER The News Wiener Tagblatt, of Vienna, says that the discussion between Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg and Count Czernin, the Austrian foreign minister, resulted in a complete understanding between the central powers.

GEN. PETAIN IS PUT AT HEAD OF FRENCH ARMY AT THE FRONT

Hero of Verdun, Is Appointed Commander-in-Chief of Field Forces to Succeed General Nivelle Who Is Given Command of Several Groups of Armies; Foch Also Is Honored

RUSSIAN PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AGAIN GETS THE UPPER HAND

Socialists and Radicals Declare War Against Germany Must Be Continued Until Victory Is Won; Kaiser's Forces Offer a Stronger Resistance to the Allies

Paris, May 15.—General Petain was appointed as commander-in-chief of the French armies operating on the French front at a cabinet meeting to-day. General Nivelle was placed in command of a group of armies. General Foch who played an important role in the battles of the Marne and the Yser succeeds General Petain as chief of staff of the ministry of war.

Although beset with innumerable difficulties the provisional government of Russia is determined to stick to its task. The government will make an effort to amalgamate the diverse interest, which by their conflict have made an orderly and efficient government in Russia possible, it announces in a proclamation to-day. It expresses confidence that unity will be re-established and the country saved if the various representatives of the new democracy take their proper part in the responsible task of the government.

The Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's delegates, comprising mainly the Socialist and extreme radical elements, apparently is becoming increasingly willing to consider participation in the formation of a coalition government. It has appointed a committee with the provisional government and it is formulating a program of conditions which would permit Socialist entry upon presentation in the ministry.

PRESIDENT URGES HASTE Washington, May 15.—President Wilson to-day took steps to speed up Congress on the war program essential to carry on the conflict with Germany. He planned to see House and Senate leaders to-night.

CHANCELLOR MUM ON PEACE Berlin, May 15.—Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg answered the peace interpellations in the Reichstag to-day by saying that it would not serve the interests of the country to make a declaration.

ITALIANS TAKE OFFENSIVE Rome, May 15.—The Italians took the offensive to-day. The war office announces that considerable progress was made in several sectors.

RUSSIAN COMMANDERS RESIGN Petrograd, May 15.—It became known to-day that just before the resignation of Gen. Guchkoff, as minister of war, Gen. Brussiloff, commander-in-chief and Gen. Guerko, commander on the southwestern front, asked to be relieved of their commands.

GRAIN SPECULATION STOPPED Chicago, May 15.—Representatives of the leading grain exchanges of the country at a meeting here to-day recommended to their respective exchanges that they continue until further notice the restrictive regulations on trading.

TO PROBE RODERICK CHARGES Harrisburg.—Appointment of a joint investigating committee to look into the charges made from time to time against James E. Roderick, chief of the department of mines is provided in a resolution presented in the Senate to-day by Senator James P. McNichol, of Philadelphia. The resolution cites particularly the charges recently made in newspapers and by Attorney Roger Deves, for the United Mine Workers that the chief arbitrarily refused to issue certificates to forty applicants who successfully passed the required examination.

MARRIAGE LICENSES John William Lighty, Harrisburg. Hazel Grace Prior, Red Lion.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Wednesday, not much change in temperature. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night; Wednesday fair, slightly warmer in north portion; moderate northwest winds, becoming variable.

General Conditions Pressure continues low over the northeastern part of the United States and it decreases decidedly over nearly all the western half of the country. High pressure is building in the central portion of the country. Fair weather has prevailed during the last twenty-four hours over all the territory represented on the map. The weather in the North Pacific States and British Columbia, where light to moderately heavy rains have fallen. Temperature: 8 a. m., 54 degrees. Sun rises, 4:42 a. m. Moon sets, 10:30 p. m. Wind: S. by E. 2 to 5. Stage: 2.2 feet. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 71. Lowest temperature, 52. Mean temperature, 62. Normal temperature, 61.