



HIGHSPIRE MILL AND THREE HOUSES DESTROYED BY FIRE WHICH THREATENS VLLAGE

Steelton and Harrisburg Firemen Are Called to Help Out the Small Department of the Borough Which Was Entirely Inadequate to Stop the Fire; High Wind Fans Blaze and Drives Swiftly Through Frame Structures Dry as Tinder and Affording Ready Food For the Flames; Large Section of Town at One Time in Grave Peril; Hope and Washington Companies Make Quick Run

Fire at Highspire, which was still burning fiercely at 2.45 o'clock this afternoon, completely destroyed a three-story flour and feed warehouse and three frame dwelling-houses in Front street, all owned by Mrs. Joseph Souder.

The flames were first discovered early in the afternoon in the storage part of the grain warehouse, spreading quickly over the structure, then to the adjoining houses occupied by Mrs. Souder, Charles Shuman and family and Wm. Frazer and family.

Coal Yard Fire Just across a small alley from the Souder residence the coal and wood yards owned by A. J. Hoke caught fire and were completely destroyed together with thousands of dollars' worth of valuable fuel.

Sparks carried by the high wind to the lower end of the town set fire to a dwelling house across the street from the Bodmer House and firemen were immediately dispatched to check this blaze.

Fire Chief John C. Kindler and Assistant Marion Verbeke, of Harrisburg, and Fire Chief Malehorn, of the Steelton Department, are at the scene directing the men.

All the apparatus of the Citizen, Baldwin, West Side and Paxtang Hook and Ladder companies, Steelton and the Washington and Hope companies of Harrisburg are in service. Thousands of feet of hose have been spread through the streets of the borough.

Lack of Water Lack of adequate water supply and a west wind that approached a gale in velocity made the work of the firemen difficult indeed. Highspire is not prepared for such a fire as it was called upon to fight today.

The only sources are the Susque-

banna River to the west, the well at the Highspire Distillery and Booser's Run at the lower end of town.

The firemen were compelled to run long lines of hose to the run and the river. Each line of hose was more than four hundred feet in length, and the pressure, despite the assistance of the engines brought by the visitors, was not what it should have been.

Time and time again the heroic firemen risked their lives to carry the streams right up to the blaze in order to make the water more effective, and repeatedly they were driven back by bursts of flames that followed the sharp veering of the wind. Had it not been for the intelligent work of the visitors, it would have been impossible to have stopped the flames short of the outskirts of town.

The sky was filled with thousands of sparks and people residing in nearby houses were on their roofs with water, wet blankets, and shovels and brooms, and by this means saved other structures that would have caught. For hours the air was a mass of blazing shingles and small bits of woodwork torn by the wind from the blazing houses and these were scattered for many blocks around.

Houses Burn Houses just across the street from the Souder mill, occupied by Edward Duncan and Edward Chapman, are threatened but so far firemen are succeeding in their efforts to keep the flames from reaching these properties.

At 2.15 there seemed little danger of the blaze reaching the business section of the borough, but every precaution is being taken by property owners to limit the area of the flames.

Blaze Spreads Three Blocks The blaze at the home of William Kline, in Second street, three blocks from the big fire, practically destroyed this property before Hope firemen of Harrisburg could play strong streams on it. Sparks falling on the shingle roof started it. As there are no building adjoining the firemen had little trouble in checking it. Estimates on the damage to the Souder warehouse and dwellings could not be obtained this afternoon as Mrs. Souder, the owner, is out of town.

413 LOSE LIVES WHEN SUBMARINE SINKS TRANSPORT

Former Passenger Liner Torpedoed in Mediterranean on May 4

London, May 24. — The British transport Transylvania was torpedoed on May 4 with the loss of 413 persons. The Transylvania was torpedoed in the Mediterranean. The following official statement was given out today: "The British transport Transylvania, with troops aboard, was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on May 4, resulting in the following losses: 29 officers and 373 of other ranks; also the ship's captain, Lieut. S. Brennan and one officer and nine men of the crew."

TRANS-ATLANTIC SERVICE The Transylvania, an Anchor Line steamship of 14,315 tons gross, has been in the service of the British government since May 1915, when her sailings were canceled. There have been no recent reports of her movements. When she was first taken over by the British government she was engaged in transporting troops to Gallipoli. The Transylvania was built in 1914. She was constructed especially for passenger traffic between New York and Mediterranean ports. She was 543 feet long and had accommodations for 2,450 passengers.

45 DROWNED BY PIRATES Paris, May 24. — It is officially announced that the French liner Sontay, bound for Marseilles from Saloniki with 344 passengers, was torpedoed on April 15 with a loss of 45 lives. The steamer sank rapidly in a heavy sea but the prompt and methodical manner in which the small boats were launched saved the majority of those on board. Captain Magas went down with the ship. The Sontay was a vessel of 7,247 tons and was built in 1908. She was owned in Marseilles.

Dentist to Die Tonight For Murder of Wife's Father a Year Ago

Ossining, N. Y., May 24. — Within three days of the first anniversary of his conviction, Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, a young dentist, will die in the electric chair in Sing Sing Prison for the murder of his wealthy father-in-law, John E. Peck, of Grand Rapids, Mich. A jury in the Supreme Court of New York county found Waite guilty on May 27, 1916, after he had told him he had anesthetized him with a pill and then smothered him with a pillow. This was after admitted attempts to kill his victim with poison, suffocation and other methods. Waite also told the jury that he had killed Mrs. Peck by inoculating her with disease germs and then giving her poison. His life was a self-confessed record of theft from the time he was 13 years old.

REPORT OUT EVERYTHING Fifty-two bills adding new routes to the State highway system were reported to the House at the morning session today by the public roads committee. They would add several hundred miles to the road system.

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SWEAR IN CITY REGISTRARS TO DRAW UP ROLL

Board Immediately Divided Into Three Districts to Facilitate Work

The city draft registration board met this morning and was sworn in by E. Bruce Taylor, notary public. The members, Mayor Charles A. Miller, City Solicitor John E. Fox and Dr. J. W. McMullen, at once elected City Clerk B. Ross Seaman clerk of the board and divided the city into three districts, appointing committees for each one.

Wants to Register The first inquiry concerning registration was received this morning at the city clerk's office. Lawrence O. Hager, who formerly resided at 137 Park street, has removed to Munhall, Allegheny county, and is very anxious to be told how he can register at Harrisburg.

The first district comprises the First, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth wards. Mercer B. Tate has been named executive officer of the sub-board. Other members are Dr. J. Ross Swartz and B. Frank Nead. The second district includes the Second, Eighth, Ninth and Thirteenth wards, with Frederick R. Smith as executive officer and Dr. Thomas E. Bowman and Alderman George A. Hoover on the board.

The third district covers the Seventh, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth wards. [Continued on Page 4.]

\$350,000 Capitol Park Appropriation Up Finally on Monday

The Woodward bill carrying the appropriation of \$350,000 for the treatment of Capitol Park Extension district in accordance with the Brunner plans, was passed on second reading in the House of Representatives today without discussion or dissent. It will be on third reading Monday night and be passed to the Senate.

Commissioner Gross Undergoes Minor Operation

City Commissioner E. Z. Gross underwent a minor operation this afternoon at the Harrisburg Hospital for the removal of a small clot of blood on his hip. According to a statement at the hospital it may be some time before he will again be able to assume his duties. He was struck last Friday by an auto driven by William S. Eslick.

MORE RECESS TALK There is talk among legislators today of a recess being taken next week. Wednesday until after the registration day, which comes on June 5. Leaders of the House declined to talk about the proposition, which seemed to have more support among rural members than anywhere else.

RED CROSS WAR COUNCIL PLANS BIG RELIEF FUND

Hundred Million Dollars to Be Used in Helping Sufferers

Washington, May 24. — The new Red Cross war council, headed by Henry P. Davison, began its first conference here today making plans for the \$100,000,000 war relief fund. Representatives of more than forty cities were present. The hundred million dollar fund, under Chairman Davison's plan is to be used not only for Red Cross relief for Americans, but also for the destitute in the foreign war zones, whatever their nationality.

To Raise Money The actual machinery of the great money-raising campaign, according to announced plans will be in the hands of Charles S. Ward, International Young Men's Christian Association secretary, who also is secretary of the war finance committee. The campaign in New York city will directly be in charge of Cornelius N. Bliss, Jr. The meetings are being presided over by Seward Prosser of New York.

Germany Disappointed at Russia's New Stand Amsterdam, May 24. — The Socialist newspaper Vorwarts of Berlin says that the recent statements of Premier Lvoff and Foreign Minister Tereshtenko, of Russia, expressing determination to continue the war with the country's allies, are a great disappointment to those in Germany who expected a separate peace quickly with revolutionary Russia. The Vorwarts says Germany's policy is not dictated by the pan-Germans and that the statements of the Russian ministers regarding the fact that made had Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg replied fully and satisfactorily to the interpellation of the Social Democrats regarding the fact that said that the desire of Austria and Russia were also those of the German government.

Monument Authorized in 1778 to Be Unveiled Soon

Boston, May 24. — A monument in memory of a French naval officer, ordered erected by the Massachusetts Legislature in 1778 but only recently completed, was unveiled on the grounds of King's Chapel today. The officer was the chevalier De Saint-Sauveur, who came to Boston in 1773 with the fleet commanded by Count D'Estaing. While ashore one night with a company of officers he visited a part of the town in which a riot had broken out and was fatally wounded.

House Passes Bills Carrying \$15,000,000

The House of Representatives today passed bills carrying over \$15,000,000 on second reading. They were the appropriation bills reported out by the appropriations committee this week. In the list were \$3,900,000 for care of indigent insane; \$200,000 for purchasing toll bridges over the Delaware river; \$368,800 for the State Game Commission and a number of State hospitals.

F. A. VANDERLIP TO ADDRESS LOAN MEETING HERE

President of Largest Bank in World Coming in Interest of Liberty Bonds

President David E. Tracy of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce announced today that he had received a telegram from Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank accepting an invitation to address a mass meeting on the Liberty Loan in Harrisburg on the evening of Thursday, June 7, under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Vanderlip, as is well known, is the president of the largest bank in the world and a forcible and interesting speaker on financial matters. Mr. Vanderlip is enthusiastic over the Liberty Loan and giving a great deal of his time to this matter. The Chamber of Commerce is engaged in completing plans for the evening's program which will be announced shortly.

A meeting on June 7 will be in the nature of a great patriotic rally to impress every citizen with a direct sense of the obligation to support the government and will be a duplicate in many ways of the Gerard meeting. Tracy is Chairman Donald McCormick, chairman of the Harrisburg Clearing House and the Third District of the State Bankers' Association is arranging a [Continued on Page 13]

Food Legislation Before Both Houses of Congress

Washington, May 24. — Food legislation was before both houses of Congress today. The Senate had under consideration the administration bill to increase the production of food and expected to discuss it continuously until passage. The House took up the second administration measure providing for creation of a food administrator, prevention of hoarding and price fixing.

Herbert C. Hoover, who has been chosen by President Wilson as food administrator under the pending legislation was installed in his new offices here today, and soon will name assistants who are expected to work without pay.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Clarence E. Moore and Esther P. Judy, Middletown. Paul Revere Miller, Enola, and Edith Irene Gamber, West Fairview. Ralph Lester Bretts and Ruth Bryan Elcheberger, Harrisburg. William C. Sipe, Goldsboro, and Lillie M. Millard, Shelly's Island. Alexander Wadsworth Longfellow, a nephew of the poet.

ITALY TAKES 12,000 PRISONERS IN NEW DRIVE ON AUSTRIA

Great Offensive Makes Important Gains in Mountainous Country; Zeppelins and U-Boats Figure Most Prominently in Official Dispatches; Military Operations in France Quiet Although Germans Lose Heavily in Futile Counterattacks

London, May 24. — The Italian offensive has entered into its second stage with new and important gains between Gorizia and the sea, said Major General F. B. Maurice to the Associated Press today. The first day of the new drive has resulted in the capture of more than 3,000 prisoners. Italian forces yesterday broke through the Austro-Hungarian lines from Castagnavizza to the sea, taking more than 9,000 prisoners, says the official statement issued today by the Italian war department.

The Zeppelin and the submarine figures most prominently in the war news of the day with a raid by airships on the English east counties announced and the sinking of the 14,000 ton transport Transylvania officially reported.

The submarine did its deadliest work in many weeks in the torpedoing of the Transylvania in the Mediterranean on May 4, 413 lives being lost. With the exception of less than a dozen of the ship's complement all those lost were army men and officers, 29 of the latter perishing. The Transylvania was a former Anchor Liner with accommodations for 2,450 passengers.

The Zeppelin raid began shortly before the success in locating their post-midnight and seems like other tions and the bombs they dropped fell in country districts, the reports measures were perfected, to have been indicating that the damage caused a rather abortive affair. Four airships was negligible, while the only casualties penetrated inland above thick rain clouds, which handicapped the raiders and the British defensive forces alike. The Zeppelins had lit the thick weather.

TO CONTROL FOOD EXPORTS Washington, May 24. — Control of food exports to the European neutral countries was discussed at a conference today between Herbert C. Hoover and Secretary Reidfield. Mr. Hoover will ascertain their needs and turn over cargoes to the commerce department for licensing.

RUSSIA PLANS FOR CONSTITUTION Petrograd, May 24. — via London — The new Russian coalition government today ordered a series of measures for hastening the summoning of the Russian constituent assembly. The first meeting of a committee appointed to discuss arrangements for the election of this body has been fixed for June 7.

Birmingham, Ala., May 24. — The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (Southern Presbyterian) decided today by a vote of 142 to 40 in favor of appointing a committee to confer with a like committee from the Northern branch of the church on the question of union.

FIRE UNDER CONTROL

Highspire. — At 3.30 o'clock the fire which started early this afternoon, destroying a grain warehouse, four dwellings and a coal yard, was under control. Mrs. Clara Souder, owner of the storage place and three of the houses estimated her loss at \$10,000 when she arrived here late in the afternoon. Her insurance on the properties ran out several days ago. Occupants of the properties carry small amounts of insurance on their furniture, most of which was burned. Four Bethlehem Steel Company police were deputized by Burgess Aaron D. Klugh at the request of Fire Chief Joseph Leedy to control the large crowds from Harrisburg, Steelton and Middletown. Small blazes broke out in other sections of the borough caused by sparks dropping on the roofs, but these were extinguished before serious damage was done. Two firemen of the Steelton department, and Russell Houser and Harry Kurtz, of the Rescue Company, Middletown, were burned about the face, arms and body by falling embers.