



J. W. M. BOWMAN MAYOR FOR SIX WEEKS' PERIOD

Prominent Merchant is Named by the Dauphin County Court to Act Until Successor is Elected in November to Serve Out Mayor Meals' Unexpired Term

SELECTION MEETS PUBLIC APPROVAL

Widely Known as Public-Spirited Citizen; Pioneer For Shorter Hours and Betterment of Working Conditions; Former Chairman Board Public Works

J. William Bowman, member of the firm of Bowman & Company, and one of the best-known and most progressive businessmen of Harrisburg, was appointed at noon to-day mayor of the city of Harrisburg by Judges Kunkel and McCarroll, of the Dauphin county court, to fill the office for the six weeks' period between now and the general elections in November, when his successor will be chosen.

The appointment was made in accordance with the recently passed State law which requires the court to appoint, upon petition of ten qualified citizens, in cases where a council fails to fill a majority vacancy within thirty days after death or resignation of an incumbent. In this case the death of Mayor Charles A. Miller left a vacancy which council failed to fill in the required period and Colonel Henry C. Demming, acting for the Harrisburg Volunteer Firemen's Association, presented the necessary petition to the court. The appointment of Mr. Bowman was announced by the court at noon to-day in response to this petition.

Mr. Bowman will serve until his successor is selected in November. Whoever is elected at that time will serve out the unexpired term of Mayor Meals and therefore will take office as soon as his election shall have been certified to the courts.

Appointment Pleasing

The appointment of Mr. Bowman came as a distinct surprise, but met

with immediate and widespread approval on all sides. The selection was as heartily endorsed by the public as was that of Mayor Miller when council chose the then city clerk to take the place made vacant by Mayor Meals' death. Mr. Bowman is a Republican, but has never taken an active interest in politics. He is one of the city's most prominent businessmen and repeatedly has been urged by men of all parties to stand for mayor but has always pleaded too many other interests.

The new mayor is well acquainted with the affairs of the city. He served on the old Board of Public Works, as its chairman, an unsalaried position that during the term of Mayor Meals' death, Mr. Bowman is a member of the board of directors. He took a leading part in Liberty Loan, the Red Cross and the Boy Scout campaigns. He has been as liberal in his movements of the kind as his means would allow and has been a leader among the businessmen of the city for shorter hours and the betterment of laboring conditions in the commercial establishments of the city. He was among the prime movers for the establishment of the half-holiday for clerks in the summer and in many ways has been instrumental in bringing about a better feeling between employers and employees.

Mr. Bowman is an ardent advocate of "Greater Harrisburg" and an enthusiastic believer in the future of the city. He is president of the Greater Harrisburg Association, much interested in the development of playgrounds and the transformation of the Susquehanna basin at this point into a great recreation place for the people. He is a modest, retiring, home-loving citizen, whose chief recreation is to slip off from the store where he works most of his time for an afternoon's fishing in the streams about the city.

The Unexpired Term

The successor to Mayor Bowman will take office immediately after election and will serve until the unexpired term of the late Mayor Meals, which will be until the fall of 1919, when the next regular mayoral election will be held.

Sale of Siberian Point to Americans by Russ Because of Debt Rumored

Petrograd, Sept. 22.—The Russia Volla says that a strange rumor was circulated yesterday that the Russian government intends to sell the peninsula of Kamchatka on the northeastern coast of Siberia, to Americans. The report said that Americans were offering several millions of rubles for the territory. The project is prompted by the finances of the government and the desire of the government not to increase the debt.

THREE TEACHERS TAKEN

County Superintendent of Schools F. E. Shambaugh announced to-day there are three vacancies to be filled in county districts one at East Hanover township, another at Carsonville and one in Conewago, because of men being selected for the National Army.

THE CIVIC CLUBS SECOND FLY MEASURING DAY

Prizes awarded to 12 cents a pint for all flies.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Sunday; not much change in temperature. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Sunday; little change in temperature; moderate north winds.

River: The lower portion of the main river will continue to fall slowly. The upper portion will begin to rise slowly to-night and the middle portion Sunday. The lower portions of the North and West branches will rise slightly to-night and probably begin to fall slowly Sunday. All other streams of the system will fall slowly or remain nearly stationary. A strike of about 3.6 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Sunday morning.

General Conditions: The unsettled conditions that obtained over the northern part of the country Friday morning, resulted in thunder showers, Friday in Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The weather has cleared generally in the Middle Atlantic and New England States, but cloudy and unsettled conditions persist in Tennessee, Southwestern Virginia and in Georgia and the Carolinas. Under the influence of the high pressure area, now central north of the Great Lakes, temperatures generally have fallen 4 to 12 degrees in the Ohio Valley and from the Lake Region eastward.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 56. Sun Rises, 5:54 a. m.; sets, 6:01 p. m. First quarter, September 27. Stage: 3.6 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 78. Lowest temperature, 63. Mean temperature, 70. Normal temperature, 64.

THE LOVE OF A BEAR



SUBMARINES WIN GREAT FIGHT AT SEA, IS REPORT

Five Merchant Ships and Two Destroyers Said to Have Been Sunk

BATTLE NEAR IRELAND

England Said to Have Ordered Services to Keep News a Secret

Churches Will Be Able to Get Steam Heat if Necessary

China Wants to Send 24,000 Soldiers to Europe For Trial, if Way Is Paid

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK

EVOLVE MILITARY TRUCK

URGES PEOPLE TO PLANT TREES EXTENSIVELY

Dr. Schaeffer Calls Attention to the Need of Reforestation at Once

Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, to-day issued his Autumn Arbor Day proclamation designating Friday, October 28, as the date and urging people because of the war to plant trees extensively.

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SEVENTY-SEVEN ARE BRANDED AS SLACKERS HERE

Big Number Fail to Appear Before Two Boards; Some May Have Enlisted

RUMORS OF GRAFT HEARD

Reported That Interpreter Took Money by Telling Men He Could Release Them

Dauphin county has 77 "slackers."

This was announced to-day by the Steulton and Paxtang boards. A search of the papers filed away by both boards disclosed the names of 77 men who had failed to put in appearance when summoned for examination.

The Paxtang board has a list of 62 names, which represented those who did not appear out of 867 that were examined. The Steulton board has thirteen, representing those missing from the last 90 men that were called to appear Wednesday.

The Steulton board several weeks ago published the names of more than sixty "slackers" and the majority of these were rounded up by the Steulton and State police. The names of the last 15 men published to-day has been sent to the police and the rounding up of them has begun. Of the fifteen, fourteen live

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House May Probe Bribes Given by Von Bernstorff; Lansing Not Suspicious

Washington, Sept. 22.—Chairman Flood, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, declared to-day after conferring with Secretary Lansing that he thought there probably would be a House investigation of Von Bernstorff's plans to influence Congress by spending \$50,000 as revealed in his dispatches to Berlin.

Secretary Lansing sees little that a congressional inquiry could develop but charges made on the floor yesterday by Representative Hedding of Alabama that certain members have "acted suspiciously" and called accusations made by other representatives in interviews probably will force an investigation Mr. Flood said.

Secretary Lansing authorized the following statement: "If there is any misunderstanding, I wish to say very emphatically I do not see how the Bernstorff message in any way reflects upon Congress or any member. Apparently it was the purpose to employ agencies to influence them, of which they would have no knowledge and in case they were influenced would be entirely innocent. I do not know what the organization was. This expose is apropos of Germany's conscription law and there is no intention of casting suspicion on members of Congress."

Appeals Can Not Go to the Governor

State draft headquarters to-day issued notices to all district and local boards to correct the idea of many people that appeals could be made to the Governor from decisions of boards. Numerous appeals have come to both the Capitol and the State headquarters addressed to the Governor objecting to decisions of boards. State headquarters to-day called attention to the fact that boards have a right to reconsider appeals, but that appeals can be taken to the President of the United States only from district boards and that only in certain cases, notably agricultural. A number of appeals on agricultural grounds have been taken.

Among the letters reaching draft headquarters in protest against decisions by local boards have been some from fiancées of drafted men.

Potatoes at Market Bring Higher Prices

Potatoes jumped five-cents a bushel in the city markets this morning. Other produce was practically the same as Wednesday.

Potatoes sold for \$1.45 and \$1.50 per bushel as against \$1.40 Wednesday. Farmers could give no explanation of the increase.

Butter and eggs at fifty cents a pound and a dozen, respectively; celery at ten cents a bunch, corn at twenty-five and thirty-five cents per bushel were the principal offerings. Apples and homegrown melons had their appearance. Apples sold at twenty cents a quart. Melons ranged from fifteen to twenty-five. Apple butter is selling at thirty cents a quart.

MORE BIRTHS; FEWER DEATHS

Figures compiled by the city health department give the birth figures for August this year as 144 and the deaths, 82. Last year there were 90 deaths and 128 births. Of the births last month, 87 were male and 57 female.

POSTPONE HEALTH MEETING

Because of the absence of Commissioner Samuel E. Dunkle who is out of the city on an important business trip the conference last night with Health Officer J. M. J. Raunick was postponed by City Council.

FILE ELECTION EXPENSES

Harry A. Boyer, Republican nominee for city school director, J. L. Yoder, defeated candidate for nomination for City Council, and Patrick J. Kenny, who was defeated for nomination in the mayoralty contest, all filed statements with Probationary Auditor, making an affidavit that their election expenses were less than \$50.

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TEUTON REPLY TO POPE TO HAVE NO BEARING ON WAR

Kaiser Gives no Intimation What His Terms of Peace May Be

THE BRITISH HOLD TIGHT

Assaults on Advanced Lines Fail With Heavy Losses to Germans

By Associated Press

Washington, Sept. 22.—The replies made by Germany and Austria to Pope Benedict's peace proposal contain nothing that will in any way alter the position of the United States as outlined in President Wilson's reply to the Pope.

The full text of Germany's answer to Pope Benedict's peace note shows the German government expressing deep appreciation of the papal effort to bring about peace and as greeting "with special sympathy to leading ideas of the peace appeal" embodying the papal conviction that "the material power of arms must be suppressed by the moral power of right."

Stress is laid upon the claim that Emperor William all through his reign has been animated by pacific purposes and that he did his utmost to prevent the present war. The papal recommendations for limitations of armament and settlement of disputes by arbitration are sympathetically alluded to and it is declared that the German government "will in this respect support the Steulton and State police. The names of the last 15 men published to-day has been sent to the police and the rounding up of them has begun. Of the fifteen, fourteen live

People Consulted

It is pointed out particularly that representatives of the German people were taken into conference by the government in preparing its reply to the papal note. Nothing approaching a definite

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DISARMAMENT OF NATIONS TO END WAR, POPE'S PLAN

Would Suppress German Militarism to Make Another War Impossible

HITS AT CONSCRIPTION

Big Armies Said to Make Great Nations Ready For Fighting

By Associated Press

Rome (Friday), Sept. 22.—Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state has emphasized to The Associated Press the views of the Vatican regarding a solution of the war by the suppression of conscription and also a joint commercial boycott of any nation which refused to disarm, the occasion being the publication in the Italia, of Milan, of an article on the peace plan of the Holy See. It is evident from the article that the Vatican aspires to suppress German militarism by securing a peace treaty requiring the permanent disarmament of that nation.

The Italia declared that the Holy See in its call for peace out of a feeling of delicacy towards the belligerent powers would not indicate practical motions with which to obtain and maintain disarmament leaving the nations to decide the means.

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GAINING AGAINST U-BOATS

Washington, Sept. 22.—Convoys of the merchantships by American and British naval vessels has materially reduced submarine losses, it was said to-day officially at the Navy Department. Some navy officials believe that the mangled attack by six German submarines on the convoyed merchantships of which the American tanker Westwego was one, indicates a change in tactics by the German admiralty. British and American naval strategists, however, are working out a method of meeting the attack.

PENNY PASSENGER MANAGER DIES

Cape May, N. J., Sept. 22.—George W. Boyd, passenger traffic manager of the Pennsylvania Railroad, who had been ill since early in June, died at his cottage here to-day.

PAID BY GERMAN EMBASSY

Washington, Sept. 22.—Senator King, of Utah, read into the Senate record to-day correspondence and photographic copies of checks to show payments aggregating \$6,500 by the German embassy here to the Fairplay Publishing Company, with receipts signed by Marcus Braun and J. P. Bryan.

Berlin, Sept. 22.—Jacobstadt, on the Dvina, has been captured by the German forces on the Russian front, together with the positions on a front of 25 miles and six miles deep on the west bank of the river, army headquarters announced today.

U. S. FLYER KILLED

Mount Clemens, Mich., Sept. 22.—Wilbur D. Mong, a cadet aviator of Cleveland was killed this afternoon when his airplane crashed to the ground on the government aviation field. It was said that Mong attempted to land the plane on the earth.

WOMAN KILLED WITH ASSAULT

Harrisburg, Sept. 22.—A woman, 516 Dauphin street, was killed this afternoon by a man who was charging City Detective Hyde Speece with assault and battery. The alleged assault occurred in the Twelfth ward on election day. The hearing will be held Monday.

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