

STATE POWER IN BOROUGH ROADS

Deputy Attorney General Keller Defines What Law Permits Commonwealth to Do

Three rulings on relation of the state to improvement of borough streets which form connecting links between state highways were given to the State Highway Department today by First Deputy Attorney General Keller, and will have important bearing upon negotiations now under way between the department and some thirty-five boroughs for betterment of streets which connect with main roads.

The state may not resurface or relay a brick street originally improved with the aid of the commonwealth as the duty of maintenance rests upon the borough alone, but if it is not reconstructed or paved with bricks as a state-aid road, the State Highway Department can, subject to the consent of councils, resurface or relay the street, provided the original paving was not according to the standards of the State Highway Department or equal to said standards.

On the question whether "if a borough improves a street the full width, said street being a connecting link between two state highways, can the state pay one-half of the cost up to sixteen feet provided the borough does the work," it is held that there is no provision allowing the state to contribute to the cost of improving a highway but that a borough may become a bidder and be awarded the contract if it submits the lowest bid on state-aid or state highways improved in the same manner as state-aid highways.

On the question whether a borough street has been improved or paved, whether at the expense of the borough or the property owners, the cost of a second or subsequent paving cannot be assessed against abutting property owners.

Governor Brumbaugh to-day announced the appointment of Charles S. Messinger, of Tatam, as registrar of wills of Northampton county, to succeed Asher V. Stauffer, who shot himself last week. A statement issued by the Governor in connection with the appointment says: "Mr. Messinger has been commended by the most competent authority of the county as an outstanding citizen who will take the office absolutely out of politics and give it a business administration."

The application was made today to the Public Service Commission by ex-Senator John S. Fisher, of Indiana, for the merger of the Millersburg and a dozen or so other electric companies chartered for Dauphin, Perry and Juniata counties into the Juniata Public Service Company. The Millersburg plant will be the center of the system, which was recently outlined in the Harrisburg Telegraph.

Judge R. H. Koch, of Potomac, was among visitors to the Capitol today. The Darlington case against the Pennsylvania Railroad, which dates from the Pennsylvania administration in one form or another, was heard by Deputy Attorney General Hargest yesterday and the papers taken.

LOCAL POLITICAL SITUATION QUIET

Police Not Interested in Fight For Mayor; Civil Service Takes Them Out

The local election situation remains remarkably quiet with no public meetings and only a limited amount of personal campaigning in evidence. Friends of Alderman Hoover expressed the belief to-day that he is steadily gaining in strength for Mayor and predict his election next Tuesday. The apparent yawn of public interest in the election makes forecasting difficult and in looking about for a cause for the prevailing apathy on the part of the voters, political observers have hit upon two reasons—first, the war, with its many attendant activities, and second, the removal of the police forces from politics.

Heretofore the whole police force was stirred by the prospect of a new Mayor. The police officers, from top to bottom, were dependent upon the Mayor for their reappointment, with the result that each officer became a bitter partisan. Some promises of posters changes have been made in the present campaign, it is said, but if they cannot be fulfilled for the force is entirely under civil service and a Mayor has no chance of tearing it to pieces and building it up as a personal political machine.

Orders have been going out from Capitol Hill for appointees to turn in behalf of Daniel L. Keister, for Mayor, and varying results. Some of the appointees have accepted instructions and others have not. The nonpartisan character of the contest and the fact that both candidates are Republicans, naturally has the effect of dividing Capitol Hill employees in their support, some being friends of Keister and others of Hoover.

There is nothing new in the county. Every day it becomes more and more apparent that the Republican county ticket in both city and the rural districts will go through by big majorities. The straight party ticket is going to have a mighty big effect this year, with Republicans reaping the benefit.

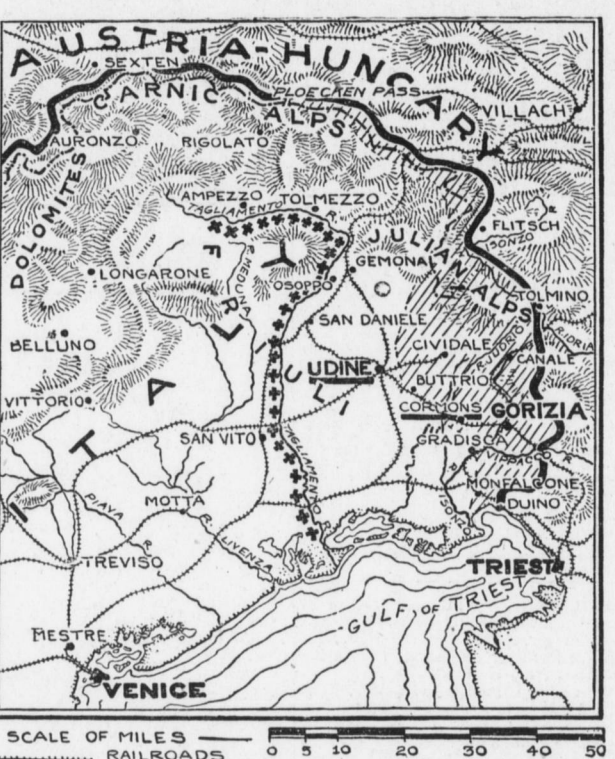
Knights of Malta Hear Grand Officers Speak. Representatives of the three commandaries of the Knights of Malta in this city, and the commandaries from Steelton and Middletown, attended a social held last evening by the Star of America Commandery, No. 113, Grand Sentinel J. Smith, of Sunbury; Grand Commander H. M. Askin, of Carlisle; Deputy Grand Commander Eugene Sudann, of Steelton and Grand Captain General S. Raymond Snyder, of Chambersburg, were the visiting officers, who made addresses to the session. The Rev. L. S. Kirschner, of the Reformed church at Newport, made a short address. Following the address refreshments were served and a smoker was enjoyed. The following committee was in charge: W. S. Fisher, F. P. Flegal and W. F. C. Leisman.

A FEW OF THE BEAUTY CHORUS IN "OH, BOY," AT THE ORPHEUM



"Oh, Boy," proclaimed the snappiest and brightest musical comedy of the season and the fourth New York Princess Theater musical comedy success, will come to the Orpheum to-night. The "Oh, Boy" company which will appear here will measure up to the high standard of excellence expected in the Princess Theater offerings.

WAR MAP



SCALE OF MILES 0 5 10 20 30 40 50. BATTLELINE BEFORE AUSTRO-GERMAN DRIVE. TAGLIAMENTO DEFENSE LINE OF THE ITALIANS. EXTENT OF ITALIAN RETREAT.

According to belief in military circles in Washington, General Cadorna is falling back to the line of the River Tagliamento, about 20 to 25 miles west of the Isonzo. The German and Austrian troops have taken Cormons and are in battle before Udine, the headquarters of the Italian armies before the retreat began.

Deaths and Funerals

Mrs. Eleanor Hoffman Stoops, wife of Earl Stoops, 600 Delaware street, died this morning at 4 o'clock. She was aged 21. Mrs. Stoops was a graduate of the Cathedral School in the class of 1914. She leaves her husband, parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hoffman, two brothers, Elwood Hoffman and Robert Hoffman, and one sister, Delphine Hoffman. The body may be viewed from 7 to 9 o'clock in the evening at the Reformed church at Newport, and a short address. Burial will be held Saturday morning at 9 o'clock in St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial will be made in Mount Calvary Cemetery. Father Daley, officiating.

MRS. MARY FOX. Mrs. Mary Fox, 65, wife of William T. Fox, died yesterday at her home in Susquehanna township. Funeral services will be held from the home tomorrow at 12:30. Burial will be in Shoop's Church Cemetery.

MRS. ANNA MASSIE. Mrs. Anna Massie, colored, 622 North street, died at the Harrisburg Hospital this morning. She was 45 years old, and died of a long illness.

CHARGED WITH CUTTING. George Washington was hailed before Alderman Landis, charged with freely using his knife on the left wrist of Sam Leion, also colored. Leion had two arteries cut in his wrist and was attended at the hospital.

IRISH HARVEST. Dublin, Ireland—Reports from various parts of Ireland give a better account of the harvest than was anticipated in some places. The crops are said to be heavy on the whole, and the reaping has been laborious owing to the way in which the straw has been tangled by the wind and rain.

German Loss 6,000,000 Men in 3 Years of War

Washington, D. C., Oct. 31.—Germany lost six million men in the three years of war, according to a declaration made yesterday by the Independent Socialist Ledebour. A report of his speech reaching Washington through Switzerland, states that, contemplating the prospects of a fourth winter campaign, the Socialist leader said: "You have not, evidently, gentlemen, an exact conception of what it means. We have had 1,500,000 dead, three or four million crippled, or whom 500,000 are crippled for life, and two million absolutely invalid. That makes altogether six million men lost during three years."

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State Chamber Asks Troop Retention

The Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce has telegraphed the Secretary of War an urgent appeal to keep as a military unit the First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry. The telegram is as follows:

"October 31, 1917. Hon. Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, Washington, D. C. We urge the military authorities to keep intact as a unit the First Troop of Philadelphia, because of its continuous historical record. Signed, Paul Littlefield, General Secretary, Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce. The military value of fighting units with historical records cannot be overestimated. Tradition plays an important part in the maintenance of a society. The British and other belligerent governments carefully preserve the organization of their fighting regiments and the First City Troop is one of our oldest military units, its entity should be preserved."

Police Working Hard in the Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium

The city policemen, now undergoing a course of physical training in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, already have progressed so far as to issue a challenge to meet a team of athletic newspaper men in an indoor track meet. The "coppers" have started training under Charles Miller, physical instructor of the Y. M. C. A., and yesterday ten of the department's huskies went through a series of maneuvers, comprised of throwing the medicine ball, running and jumping. Chief Wetzel is heartily in favor of the training, which will increase the efficiency of the police force. He is doubtful, however, if the "coppers" will ever make successful trackmen. "Long Jaw Hess," when interviewed this morning, stated in his view of the new idea, that all the policemen were in favor of it. "How about the track meet?" he was asked. "Fine idea," he replied, "but what hinders anyone who will do the running for us."

TO PENALIZE STRIKERS

Washington, Oct. 31.—Measures to penalize strikes and lockouts in non-union coal fields were taken up by the Fuel Administration today at a conference with coal producers. In union districts under an agreement signed recently heavy penalties are provided when coal production is stopped without just cause. Non-union districts produce about one-third of the country's bituminous coal output.

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Four Town-Meeting Nominations Not Valid, Judge Wessel Decides

Philadelphia, Oct. 31.—Judge Wessel, in common pleas court, today decided that four of the five Town Meeting party council nominations in the Forty-sixth ward are invalid because the candidates had been named by petition after they had been legally nominated on the ticket of the Washington party at the primary election.

This decision, rendered in one of the suits started by the Republican city committee controlled by the Vane faction, to have the names of Town Meeting party candidates for council and minor ward offices removed from the ballot, may have a sweeping effect in view of the fact that a similar situation exists, as far as the independents are concerned, in other wards.

The effect of Judge Wessel's decision is that voters of the Forty-sixth ward, who want to vote the complete Town Meeting ticket at the election next Tuesday, will have to make additional cross marks on their ballots, besides the mark in the party square, after the names of four councilman candidates beat-

British Casualties Are 24,091 For the Week

London, Oct. 31.—British casualties reported during the week ended today totaled 24,091. They were divided as follows: Officers killed or died of wounds, 252; men, 4,555. Officers wounded or missing, 1,102; men, 17,950.

BIG RUSH FOR LICENSES

Clear, cold weather brought another rush of men for hunters' licenses at the office of County Treasurer Mumma to-day. The rabbit season opens to-morrow. At noon about 300 licenses had been issued, bringing the total for the season to 7,800, about the same as last year.

Man Killed by Auto Is Identified as H. R. Putt

The body of the unknown man killed by an automobile at Second and Locust streets, Monday evening, was last evening identified as that of Harvey R. Putt, 927 Penn street. The body was in the mortuary of Funeral Director C. H. Mauk, and a "fer two sons of the victim read at the accident, they identified the man as their father.

Mr. Putt was fifty-five years of age. He was employed by the contractor as one of the construction workers at the new Evangelical Publishing House. He had been ill for several days, and was not at work Monday evening he went out to view the recruiting parade, and it was then that the accident occurred.

Surviving Mr. Putt are three sons: Harry Y. Putt, 1247 Mulberry street; Alfred B. Putt, of Enhart, and Frank H. Putt, of Hopewell, West Virginia. The coroner will hold an inquest over the body to-day.

CHILDREN TO AID

Food pledge cards will be distributed by Pennsylvania schoolchildren, this week, as a part of the Public Safety Committee's campaign for food conservation. The children will be given the pledge cards, and these will be presented to their mothers for signatures.

Advertisement for Victor Records featuring a soldier and the text: 'Come in and Hear the New Victor Records Out Tomorrow at Troup's'. Includes a list of records and prices.

Advertisement for J. H. Troup Music House, located at 15 So. Market Square, offering various musical instruments and services.

Large advertisement for 'Big Profit Opportunity For Small Investors' by W. H. Reddy, located at 507 Market St., Chester, Pa. The ad includes a coupon for requesting information.

Advertisement for 'WANTED 10 Gangs Riveters' by The Pusey & Jones Shipbuilding Co., located in Wilmington, Delaware.

Advertisement for 'The Federal Machine Shop' located at Court and Cranberry Sts., featuring a photograph of a woman in a recreation room and text about their services.