

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL NEWS

Engagement Announced in Novel Manner at Party

Greencastle, Pa., Dec. 31.—At a party given by Miss Dorothy Shook at her home in East Baltimore street on Saturday afternoon, the engagement of Miss Shook to Frederick Hinds was announced. The announcement was made in a charming manner, after the refreshments had been served the guests were invited to the dining room for coffee, and much to their surprise the bride-elect's mother passed them each a beautiful rose bud and tied to the stem was a card containing the names of Miss Shook and Mr. Hinds. Miss Shook, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Z. Shook, is one of Greencastle's most popular young women and a talented musician. Mr. Hinds removed to Greencastle from Philadelphia last fall. The wedding will take place in February.

Miss Blackburn Gives Christmas Party for Girls

Mechanicsburg, Pa., Dec. 31.—On Saturday afternoon Miss Margaret Blackburn entertained the Girls Club at a Christmas party at her home in East Simpson street. The young people enjoyed a social time and the following program: Skating song by the club; readings from "Building of the Ships," Anna Bahr; piano solo, "Heavenly Rest," Helen Byers; reading from the "Courtship of Miles Standish," Dorothy Shaffer; vocal solos, "Anchored" and "Maryland," Anna Bahr; story from "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," Miss Blackburn; story, "The Last of the Christmas," Mary Cleaver; song, "America." Refreshments were served and each guest presented with a pretty gift.

Red Cross Supplies Are Sunk by German Submarine

Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 31.—Carlisle Red Cross workers were much chagrined with the announcement received here from national headquarters that two large cases of supplies made for American soldiers abroad had been lost when the steamer Liff, out of New York, was torpedoed by a German submarine. Special workers will be recruited to make up the deficiency and to prevent the cutting down of usual work. Speeches will be given at the received at the same time for the methods of preparing and packing the various articles.

ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER

Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 31.—Consideration of religious work as affected by the war will be the feature of the annual week of prayer which opens this evening. Services will be held every day in the chapel of the First Lutheran Church with practically all of the church congregations operating. This is the fourth year for the plan, which takes the place of revival services originally instituted. Special hours will be observed to-morrow.

PARTY ON BIRTHDAY

Mechanicsburg, Pa., Dec. 31.—Mrs. J. W. Miller gave a birthday surprise party for her daughter, Etta Margaret, on Saturday afternoon at their home in East Collier street in celebration of the young girl's 15th birthday anniversary. Guests included: The Kittanning Camp Fire Girls, who spent a delightful afternoon with games. They were: Miss Margaret Blackburn, guardian of the fire; Misses Miriam Zufall, Elizabeth Hurst, Mary E. Jenkins, Shelly, Ruth Miller, Florence Orris, Elizabeth Crawford, Miriam Orris, Etta Miller. Refreshments were served and the young hostess received many gifts. Other guests were: Miss Elizabeth Spangler, Miss Catherine Bentz, Miss Caroline Longsdorf, Miss Annie Longsdorf, Martin Sharp and Mrs. Miller.

CHAMBERSBURG HOTEL SOLD

Waynesboro, Pa., Dec. 31.—The new owner of the Hotel Montecarlo, at Chambersburg, which was bought by J. A. Strite, of Chambersburg, is Miss Annie Collier, of the same place. The price paid for the property was \$40,000.

TO WINTER IN FLORIDA

S. Ernest Philpitt, of Washington, spent the holidays with Mrs. Philpitt and Mrs. Cook, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Jenkins, 1701 Penn street, for several weeks, and daughter Evelyn, leave next week for Miami, Fla., to spend the winter.

BRITISH REPLY TO HUN PROPOSALS

Washington, Dec. 31.—In Petrograd Sunday the day was given over to peace celebrations, marked by parades of Bolshevik followers. Members of the German and Austrian peace delegations were spectators of the parades. The heads of the German and Austrian delegations to the Brest-Litovsk conference, Dr. Von Kuehlmann and Count Czernin, are returning to their respective capitals.

STORK NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Augustino Mercario, 119 Washington street, announce the birth of a daughter, Rita Dolores Mercario, Monday, December 24, 1917.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gaines Hammond, of Pittsburgh, former Harrisburgers, announce the birth of a daughter, Sara Mary Hammond, Saturday, December 29, 1917.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Arthur, 2542 Lexington street, announce the birth of a son, John Elmer Arthur, Thursday, December 27, 1917. Mrs. Arthur was Miss Helen Spotts before her marriage.

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BRIDEGROOM WITH MEDICAL CORPS



MR. AND MRS. REID FORTENBAUGH

Friends here have received announcement of the marriage of Miss Catharine Mae Collins, of Duncannon, to Reid Fortenbaugh, of Marysville, Tuesday, December 25, at the bride's home in Duncannon. Mr. Fortenbaugh is serving in the Medical Corps of the U. S. Army at Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va.

"Heinie" Miller to Wed Daughter of Ex-Senator

A romance of college and of the gridiron has developed into an engagement to wed between "Heinie" Miller, captain of this year's football eleven at the University of Pennsylvania, one of the greatest ends that ever played football at Penn, and Miss Helene Francis Murphy, of 1226 Erie avenue, the entry of the football leader into the government service hastening the announcement.

Former State Senator John T. Murphy, father of Miss Murphy, made the announcement of the engagement last night. Captain Miller entered the University Base Hospital Unit, which is in the government service and which is momentarily expecting orders to go to France.

Henry John Miller would have been graduated from the University of Pennsylvania next June had he not dropped his studies at the close of the football season to enter the University Base Hospital.

His home is in Williamsport, Pa., where his father is a wealthy lumberman. He is a member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity, at 3614 Locust street, and lived at the fraternity house.

From the start of his career at Pelee, Miller was a wonderful football player, having displayed skill at Mercersburg Academy and Haverford school. Miss Murphy, who is one of the most attractive and popular girls in Tioga, met Captain Miller during his first year at college and thereafter never missed a game.

WELL-KNOWN TEACHER ILL. J. R. Poike, a well-known Bible teacher and student, of 2028 Berryhill street, took suddenly ill with pneumonia while spending Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Heintz, of 1320 Howard street. Mr. Poike is convalescing nicely. He will not be able to be removed to his home for several days, however.

GUEST FROM ITHACA. Marshall Hertig, who is doing research work in the department of entomology at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, has returned after a holiday vacation spent with his cousin, Dr. Louise H. Taylor, of 1800 North Third street.

LIEUT. BERKLEY RECOVERS. Lieutenant Howard L. Berkley, who recently underwent an operation at the Petrosgrad Hospital, has been removed to his home, 808 North Sixth street, and his condition is rapidly improving.

MISS McCALEB HERE. Miss Ella McCALEB, the dean of Yassar College, is spending the holidays with relatives in this city. During her visit here she is staying at the Civic Club.

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MILDER WEATHER IS ON THE WAY

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Colest on Record. Records at the weather bureau show that this has been the coldest December in the history of the establishment. The departure from normal totaled 263 points, the lowest moment being early yesterday morning which registered three degrees below zero.

If it be any consolation to know the fact is that Harrisburg within recent date shivered in colder climate than this. On February 10, 1899, for example, the mercury went down to 13 below, and on January 14, 1912, the limit was 14 below. Mr. Demain of the opinion that we will not be compelled to endure anything like this just now. If Dakota will only let go of that warm wave it will arrive here at least by the middle of the week.

The uncommon spell of early winter partly paralyzed all railroad wheels and caused widespread disaster in plumbing. Every plumber in the city had hurray calls yesterday, and many worked all night to open drains and repair them. Hundreds of passengers waiting for the train for Altoona leaving at 8 a. m. yesterday were compelled to wait for nearly 40.15. It was so cold that the streets were cluttered and the oldest loafer was missing from his accustomed street corner.

Some dealers were busy all day yesterday filling orders and the dealers in the city to-day are rapidly yielding out what coal is in their yards to supply the demand in the city.

The delivery of coal is now the greatest obstacle to the supplying of coal by the local dealers. One of the largest dealers is not taking orders because of the difficulty of delivery. During the cold weather of the last two days, a number of complaints have been received from dealers regarding the difficulty in securing coal deliveries. Where actual suffering is present the chief of police has had several wagons or trucks, and has seen to it that the coal was secured for voluntary delivery by the consumers.

The supply of coal in the city is short. Eight or ten cars of coal will be received in the city to-day, the fuel administrators say. The operators live up to their promises; shipments will arrive every day. Coal dealers say that about thirty cars a day is the amount of coal that is necessary per day for consumption in the city. Dealers say that the coal is sold before it arrives; there are many unfiled orders on their books.

Ross A. Hickok, fuel administrator, says the worst feature of the situation is the lack of labor necessary for the delivery of coal to the consumer. He says the number of complaints to him regarding the coal shortage at the present time has been steadily increasing, considering the intensity of the cold weather that is prevailing. He says that the suffering in Harrisburg is slight compared to that in other cities in the state.

The Fuel Commission of Dauphin county will hold its meeting this afternoon at the Hotel Hamilton. The situation. There is no special legislation before the commission. The fuel administrator is still probing the reasons for the coal shortage. He was found selling coal in small quantities at prohibitive prices.

Lightning nights are being observed without intermission. The fuel administrator says that the fuel shortage is not a violation of the national emergency law. Theaters, he said, are allowed to burn their outside lights until a half hour after the beginning of their last show.

COLD WEATHER CUTS DOWN COAL TONNAGE. By Associated Press. Reading Pa., Dec. 31.—The coal tonnage on the Reading railway has been cut down one-half because of the zero weather. The engines are only pulling 50 per cent of the number of cars they did last week. The trains are making slower time than they were before the improvement until there is a rise in temperature. The 55,000 tons of coal mined on Saturday should have been shipped to-day, but the market before to-morrow. Freight shipments are retarded by engine troubles and shortage of power.

COLLIERIES WORKING. Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 31.—All the collieries are working normally in the Schuylkill district in the face of the lowest temperature in several years. The cold registered 20 degrees below to-day and about 6 degrees warmer than to-day.

MILLIONS SUFFER. New York, Dec. 31.—Nothing to indicate that the winter is any less cold than that which held the city in its grip for the past two days greeted shivering New Yorkers this morning. Not in thirty years has this city, accustomed to severe weather, suffered as it did Saturday and yesterday, and, hopeless of relief, was preparing to suffer through to-day. At 9 a. m., thermometers registered 7 degrees below zero.

15 BELOW. Williamsport, Dec. 31.—The temperature in Northern Pennsylvania dropped six degrees today, registering six degrees below zero in the city and 15 in the mountain districts.

AMBASSADOR FLETCHER PASSES THROUGH CITY. On his way to Greencastle and Chambersburg, Henry P. Fletcher, ambassador to Mexico, passed through Harrisburg Saturday evening. The ambassador met Mrs. Fletcher here, and they spent the night in the Franklin county town he will return to his post. He said, in an interview here, that the government intends to investigate many firms who are suspected of being on friendly terms with Germany and her allies. As in the case of South American firms, these will be blacklisted in this country, he said.

TYRONE BRICKLAYER CALLED FOR SERVICE. Altoona, Pa., Dec. 31.—Edward Swenson, of Tyrone, an expert bricklayer, is the first Blair County youth to be called and accepted for service by the government. He is the only member of the Blair County youth who has been called to the colors. He left yesterday for San Antonio, Tex., for training. The new soldier was recently married.

RAILROAD RUMBLES

CALL TRAINMEN CHIEFS FOR CONFERENCE THURSDAY; EXPECT WAGE INCREASE

Washington, Dec. 31.—The director general of railroads yesterday summoned the heads of the four railroad brotherhoods to Washington for a conference on Thursday. While there was no formal announcement of the purpose of the meeting, officials declared it was plain that Mr. McAdoo intended to take up at once the wage increases demanded by the brotherhoods and denied by the railroad executives.

Mr. McAdoo will obtain from the brotherhood heads a detailed statement of their new demands, formulated at Cleveland on December 1, embodying average increases of 40 per cent for engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen, as well as suggestions from them with respect to operating trips under the unified system.

What Increase Means. The increases, it is estimated, would add about \$100,000,000 annually to the government's operating costs, this sum being in addition to the increases they are obtaining through the operation of the Adamson eight-hour law.

The brotherhood chiefs in presenting their demands to the railroads asked that the increase become effective on January 1, and it was announced Saturday that the railroad executive anticipating government control of the roads, had declined to meet the demands, leaving it to Mr. McAdoo and the President to decide them.

The brotherhoods extended the date on their request for thirty days and the conference with Mr. McAdoo next Thursday is expected to develop the extent to which the brotherhoods will go in pressing their demands upon the government.

To Pay Railway Workers on Basis of Living Cost. London, Dec. 31.—Under a new system of paying railway employees based on the cost of living, the council of people's commissaries, according to dispatches from Petrograd, has divided Russia into ten districts and the railway men into fourteen classes.

The payment of wages will be fixed in proportion to the living cost in each district and ranges from 155 rubles a month for first class workers in Siberia, to 510 rubles a month for workers of the fourteenth class in Petrograd. Physical laborers will have an eight-hour day, while brain workers will have a six-hour day.

There has been no further pillaging of wine stores in Petrograd in the last few days. The British embassy at Petrograd authorizes the announcement that an agreement has been reached with the Bolshevik government to issue passports to couriers going to England, on condition that they perform only courier duty and return immediately.

The Moscow Bolshevik authorities have followed the example of those in Petrograd and have taken over all the private banks in Moscow.

Railroad Notes. Trains on the Pennsylvania to-day were still back of schedule time, with exception of the through train from New York over the Trenton cut off.

Every available man in the Pennsylvania railroad shops is on repair work. Every effort possible is being made to keep the motive power going until the present cold spell moderates.

Captain of Police Paul L. Barclay, and Mrs. Barclay, left today for Philadelphia, where they will take in the Mummies' parade to-morrow.

Lawrence Basler, aged 66 years, a retired Pennsylvania railroad employee, died Saturday at Altoona.

Hiram McGowan Simmers who is here signing up trainmen and men for the Philadelphia division of the Pennsylvania, will remain in the city another week. His headquarters are at 814 North Third street.

William D. Bowers, 1947 North Seventh street, special duty engineer on the Middletown division, who has been on the sick list, is improving slowly.

A funeral party from Harrisburg to Milwaukie, Ore., left yesterday evening five persons, paid \$150 for railroad fare.

Soldiers from cantonment camps en route home for New Year's Day, passed through Harrisburg Saturday and to-day. On one train from Washington, Saturday night, there were 380.

The annual open house program at the P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. on New Year's Day will be eliminated to-morrow because of war conditions.

Coal trains en route east over the Pennsylvania carried between 500 and 600 cars of anthracite coal yesterday.

PHILA. DIVISION WINS CONTESTS. Teams Representing Pennsylvania System Win From Schuylkill in Elimination Meet.

Bowlers and billiard players, representing the Philadelphia division of the Pennsylvania system, defeated the teams representing the Schuylkill division in the General Managers elimination contests of the Pennsylvania railroad on the Casino alleys, in Philadelphia Saturday.

Most of the players on the Philadelphia division team are employees of the Enola yards. The billiard team which won the trophy last year is made up of W. E. Reese and W. J. Smith, who both work in the cross river yards. In the two bowling contests the Philadelphia division bowlers took their rivals into camp by a margin of 180 pins. Forney, of Enola, was high man with a total of 264 pins; Diller, also of Enola, came in second high, getting two less pins than his team mate.

Wagon and billiard players, representing the Philadelphia division of the Pennsylvania system, defeated the teams representing the Schuylkill division in the General Managers elimination contests of the Pennsylvania railroad on the Casino alleys, in Philadelphia Saturday.

READING SLICES ITS PASSENGER SERVICE

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Fifty-six Trains. A total of fifty-six trains will be taken from the Reading schedule. This includes changes east and west bound between Harrisburg and Reading and the elimination of one train between Middletown and Hummelstown. Edson J. Weeks, general passenger agent of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway system, to-day issued the following official announcement of train adjustments:

Main Line. Northbound—Weekdays: "Downtown local leaving Philadelphia 9.13 a. m.; Allentown local leaving Philadelphia 2.08 p. m.; "Downtown local leaving Philadelphia 4.36 p. m.; Reading local leaving Philadelphia 5.30 p. m.; Williamsport express leaving Philadelphia 6.00 p. m. Note: Effective January 1, 1918, train No. 15, Reading Express, now leaving Philadelphia 8.36 p. m. will be changed to arrive at 11.30 p. m. Sundays: "Downtown local leaving Philadelphia 9.13 a. m.; Pottsville express leaving Philadelphia 1.25 p. m.; "Downtown local leaving Philadelphia 4.36 p. m.; Williamsport express leaving Philadelphia 11.30 p. m.

Southbound—Weekdays: Williamsport express arriving Philadelphia 6.50 a. m.; "Downtown local arriving Philadelphia 8.32 a. m.; Allentown local arriving Philadelphia 12.54 p. m.; Reading local arriving Philadelphia 2.34 p. m.; "Downtown local arriving Philadelphia 3.39 p. m. Sundays: Williamsport express arriving Philadelphia 6.50 a. m.; "Downtown local arriving Philadelphia 8.32 a. m.; Pottsville express arriving Philadelphia 9.42 p. m.

Schuylkill Valley Branch. Eastbound—Weekdays and Sundays: Leaving Pottsville 2.18 a. m.; "Downtown local arriving Philadelphia 8.30 a. m. and 7.12 p. m. Little Schuylkill Branch. Northbound—Sundays, leaving Port Clinton 10.49 a. m. and 11.30 p. m. Southbound—Sundays, leaving Tamaqua 8.30 a. m. and 7.12 p. m.

Perkolona Railroad. Northbound—Weekdays: Allentown local leaving Philadelphia 2.08 p. m. Southbound—Weekdays: Allentown local leaving Allentown 3.50 a. m. Eastbound—Weekdays: Leaving Reading 3.05 p. m. and 5.57 p. m. Sundays: Leaving Reading 5.57 p. m. Westbound—Weekdays: Leaving Allentown 9.10 a. m. and 11.50 a. m. Sundays: Leaving Allentown 11.30 a. m.

Lebanon Valley Branch. Westbound—Weekdays: Leaving Reading 4.55 a. m., 10.10 a. m. and 12.20 p. m. Sundays: Leaving Reading 4.55 a. m., 12.20 p. m. and 3.10 p. m. Eastbound—Weekdays: Leaving Harrisburg 12.50 p. m., 4.35 p. m. and 10 p. m. Sundays: Leaving Harrisburg 12.50 p. m., 4.35 p. m. and 10 p. m. Note: Train No. 49, leaving Reading 5a. m., will carry passengers and make stops formerly made by train No. 11.

Middletown and Hummelstown Branch. Northbound—Weekdays: Leaving Middletown 3.20 p. m. and 11.30 p. m. Southbound—Weekdays: Leaving Hummelstown 3.20 p. m. and 11.30 p. m. Shamokin Division. Northbound—Weekdays: Leaving Tamaqua 2.55 a. m.; Sundays: Leaving Tamaqua 2.55 a. m., 11.20 a. m. and 4.42 p. m. Southbound—Weekdays: Leaving Williamsport 11.30 p. m.; Sundays: Leaving Shamokin 6.35 a. m., leaving Williamsport 4 p. m. and 11.30 p. m.

Jefferson Co. Attorneys Refuse to Handle Cases For Liquor Applicants. Punxsutawney, Pa., Dec. 31.—For the first time since the Brooks high license law was placed on the statute books, the date for filing liquor license applications has been allowed to pass without the filing of a single application for license in Jefferson county. In consequence no license court will be held at Brookville in January.

A few hotel men at various points in the county desire to make application for license, but none of the attorneys would handle their cases, giving as their reasons the great sentiment against liquor licenses in the county, the certainty that the present court will not grant licenses, and the fact that national prohibition is now pending.

The No-License League of the county, now being reorganized into a branch of the dry federation, which had made plans for fighting any applications that might be made, will have a meeting at Brookville on Monday.

PHILADELPHIA DIVISION. Bitner 154 158 312. Forney 171 193 364. Jones 196 139 335. Diller 180 182 362. Totals 518 516 1634.

SCHUYLKILL DIVISION. Hagerty 128 198 326. McClelland 117 145 261. Dunlap 105 115 220. Witman 187 152 339. Totals 537 516 1056.

From Messenger Boy to U. S. Railroad Director. Washington, Dec. 13.—From messenger boy in the old Lake Shore Railroad offices at Cleveland, O., to transportation director of the United States Railroad—that's the romantic career of Alfred H. Smith.

When Smith, now president of the New York Central lines—regarded as one of the best-managed systems in the country—was called into service by Director General McAdoo, he looked back on the following procession of advancement—

From errand boy to laborer, to foreman of a track gang, up to 1890; then after studying railroading from various division superintendents to general superintendent of the New York Central in 1902, general manager in 1904; then vice-president of the roads, in 1914 to date president of the road.

Railroad Men Get Raise; Increase Is Ten Per Cent. St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 31.—An increase of 10 per cent in the wages of 15,000 unorganized employees of the Northern Pacific Railroad and of 500 employees of the Northern Express Company, effective January 1, was announced by President Hanford to-day. Last night a similar increase to 3,500 clerks and station employees was granted. To-day's grant will add \$1,500,000 to the company's annual payroll. The majority of those who will participate in the increase are clerks, telegraphers and section laborers.

ERIE GETS EARLY HELP. Scranton, Dec. 31.—The first local evidence of Federal control of the railroads came to-day when the Lackawanna Railroad hauled over the line 200 trains of empty Erie coal cars from Bergen Junction to No. 6 Junction, just outside of this city and there turned the cars over to the Erie to be loaded at the mines of the Erie Company.

MITT SOCIETY TO MEET. Dauphin, Pa., Dec. 31.—The "Mitt Society of the Presbyterian Church, will be entertained to-morrow, New Year's evening, by Miss Margaret Brook at her home, in Erie street. A business and social meeting will be held.

MAy the New Year be a very happy one for you—full of success in whatever you undertake—and along with it all A Little Music Chas. M. Stieff 24 N. Second Street.

1918 New Year's Greeting FROM The Manhattan Restaurant 317 MARKET ST.

We desire to express to the public of Harrisburg and vicinity our sincere appreciation of the steadfast patronage shown us in our eight years of business. We endorse the Food Conservation Plan of the Government by adhering to Two Meatless Days and One Wheatless Day each week. While some restaurants do not seem to aid the country in their conduct of business, we shall adhere to the government's plan of helping to win the war, by observing whatever food conservation days are designated by the Washington authorities. Notarys & Co.

Hummelstown Boy Now in Service at Camp Hancock

WALTER RUDY. Hummelstown, Pa., Dec. 31.—Walter Rudy, is another of the many Hummelstown boys who have enlisted in the United States service. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Rudy and is in the Twenty-Eighth Pennsylvania Division, at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Georgia.



WALTER RUDY

made, will now turn all its energies to the national phase of prohibition work. Judge Corbet's election two years ago, after a campaign in which he had the support of the temperance vote, sealed the doom of liquor in Jefferson county. Applications for licenses were uniformly and impartially turned down, but not till this year did the liquor people lose all hope and give up the fight to reopen the saloons.

The Reading Passenger Train Service Annulled. To conserve fuel, motive power and men and to facilitate the handling of government material and troops, a great number of passenger trains on the entire system of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company will be annulled, effective at once. This being a war measure, passengers finding it necessary to travel over the New Year will be given details through the ticket agent just as early as it is feasible to do so.

Philadelphia & Reading Railway Co. 109-111 Market Street.

Auto Supplies Sale. We have our table up and loaded with discontinued lines with a price that will sell them in a very short time. You no doubt, have a minute to spare today. Look the articles over on this table; there is something for you regardless of the car you drive. Front-Market Motor Supply Co. 109-111 Market Street.