

FLOUR SHORTAGE THREATENS CITY; SALES ARE CUT

Grocers Sell Other Cereals to Save Wheat on 50-50 Plan

Simultaneous with the announcement from the Washington food administration that wholesale and retail grocers must sell flour only in equal amounts with cereal substitutes...

Substitutes being supplied in the city by wholesalers and retailers to date include corn flour, cornmeal, white and yellow cornflakes, rolled oats, oatmeal and oat flake, tapioca and rice, potato flour, farina, kila, dried corn and even oats, along with numerous other substitutes.

Due to the fact that Harrisburg consumers cater almost exclusively to white bakers for bread, the new ruling does not work the hardship that it does in other places, dealers said this morning.

Dealers Pessimistic Two of the dealers were extremely pessimistic over the flour situation in the city, while others said that the shortage is due principally to the railroad and is of a temporary condition.

Another dealer said his flour has been on the road since December 21, and has not yet turned up.

Bakers who have not already been selling and baking the new "Victory Bread" will begin selling it today.

In the baking, it is necessary to use a substitute for wheat flour. Corn flour seems to be the most popular substitute among the consumers.

Fear Great Flood In Upper Susquehanna

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb. 4.—Conditions are right for one of the greatest floods the Wyoming Valley has ever had.

Precautions are being taken against a big flood. People in the lowlands have been warned to seek to quarters at the first sign of a break-up.

Penn Wins Cage Battle; Defeats Swarthmore Team

Philadelphia, Feb. 4.—With "The Swarthmore" high in the air, scoring 18 points, Penn won a close basketball battle from Swarthmore with a 22 to 19 reckoning in eightman basketball.

Where Penn was weak, namely, field shooting, Swarthmore was strong, the Garnet netting 12 of its 19 points from the field.

Cuticura Heals Itchy Skin Trouble Caused by Rash. Became Almost Unbearable

My sister told me about Cuticura Soap and ointment, and now I am healed by using one of Cuticura Soap and one box of Ointment.

COUNTY FAIRS MAY CUT RACING

The Pennsylvania Association Meets This Week to Decide Important Questions

Philadelphia, Feb. 4.—The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs for the year will be held in this city commencing to-morrow.

Horse racing, which has always been one of the largest, if not the very best, attractions at Pennsylvania county fairs, may be dropped this season by some of the associations.

State Secretary Jacob F. Seldomridge, of Lancaster, will speak on "Shall We Hold Fairs During 1918?"

Advises from some quarters advise the opening of the season, but with a slightly different emphasis, namely that of encouraging and developing the production of foodstuffs by the farmer and stock raiser.

Whether the county fair is to stick to the horse-racing program or whether to devote attention largely by each association, as in most cases local conditions will have a great bearing on the subject.

W. R. Main Leaves State Highway Dept. to Enter U. S. Navy

William R. Main, auditor of the Pennsylvania State Highway Department, has been commissioned a lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve Corps.

Mr. Main was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1913, and spent one year as cost accountant with the Pennsylvania State company.

Emperor Creates Special Decoration For U-Boat Crews on Anniversary

Amsterdam, Feb. 4.—Emperor William created a special decoration for U-boat crews on the anniversary of the inauguration of ruthless submarine warfare as "recognition" for their heroic work during the war.

Peking Adopts Hostile Attitude Against Rebels

Peking, Sunday, Feb. 2.—A more hostile attitude toward the southern revolutionaryists has been adopted by President Peng-Kwo-Chang since his return from the south.

"THE COAL IS COME"

Hurray! Hurray! It's on the way. Our hearts beat high, our spirits soar.

CIGAR MANUFACTURER DIES

Bowman's, Pa., Feb. 4.—Daniel S. E. Selvering, aged 62, a prominent cigar manufacturer, died Saturday night.

TWO BOYS ARRESTED

Meade Geiger and Paul Brehm, both under 15, were arrested yesterday, charged with stealing seven dozen canvas gloves from Schmidt's bakery.

English Cabinet Member Sneered at Wilson; Withdrawn

New York, Feb. 4.—Sir Frederick E. Smith, attorney general of England in the Lloyd George cabinet, has hastily sailed for England in response to summary orders that he return to Great Britain at once.

STEEL TON SHELLEY BOYS NOW RESTING

Living With French Family Far Back From Sound of Big Guns

Roy and Carl Shelley, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Shelley, front street, with the Ambulance 2nd of the American Expeditionary forces in France, are now spending sometime in resting up far back from the lines.

"Smile Dance" to eB Feature of University Club

"Come to our Smile Dance, enjoy yourself, and incidentally help some of the club members."

Working Hard to Interest Families in Insurance

A special committee from the Red Cross Chapter is working hard to interest families to insure the men in the service of their country.

Pennsylvania Couples Married at Hagerstown

Hagerstown, Md., Feb. 4.—Pennsylvania couples were married here on licenses issued by Clerk of the Court Edward Oswald, as follows:

Divorce Court Opens

The regular session of divorce court opened to-day with fifty-five cases listed, those which were continued follow:

Constable Gibbs Working on Defense Police Move

Constable John Gibbs, who has charge of six dogs in the city, to compose the Home Defense Police, an organization to protect Steelton from riots and any disturbances during the war.

Unnaturalized Germans Must Register at Station

All unnaturalized Germans in the borough of Steelton must register at the police station during this week.

Hold Darby Funeral

Funeral services for W. F. Darby, prominent resident and well-known attorney, who died at his home in Pine street Thursday evening, were held this morning.

Slow on Delinquents

Work on rounding up 300 delinquents who are scattered throughout the city is being done by the police department.

MIDDLETOWN SUNDAY SCHOOL 98 YEARS OLD

St. Peter's Congregation Celebrates Anniversary; Other Middletown News

The St. Peter's Lutheran Sunday school celebrated the ninety-eighth anniversary of the founding of the Sunday school yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Sarah Shireman, South Union street, Thursday evening.

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Federal Fuel Authorities Investigate Quality of Coal Shipped From Penn. Mines

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb. 4.—After conferring last night with the fuel administrators, the Pennsylvania Fuel Administration, which will be in charge of the coal industry, has authorized an investigation of the quality of coal being shipped from the anthracite fields.

Wireless Will Be Used to Talk to Army Abroad

Washington, D. C., Feb. 4.—Direct radio communication between Washington and France will be made possible this year with the completion of the \$2,250,000 radio tower being built in France by the Army Department.

Gym Classes For Boys Popular at Y. M. C. A.

Classes for boys at the Central Y. M. C. A. under the instruction of C. W. Miller, physical director, are popular among the boys who are members of the Y.

Work on Water Pump

Commissioner Hassler announced to-day that repairs to the 12,000-gallon pump will be completed in about a week.

Rehearsals Postponed

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur F. Harris today were called to Bellefonte by the death of Mrs. Harris' mother.

Deaths and Funerals

MRS. KATHERINE CURTIS Funeral services for Mrs. Katherine Curtis, widow of Charles E. Curtis, who died yesterday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. H. Derrick, 227 North Sixth street, will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

MRS. ANNA HOCKER

Mrs. Anna Hocker, 62, died yesterday afternoon at the home of her son, Hershey Hocker, 162 Tuscarora street. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

CAR WOMEN'S BLOOMERS ARE DEFENDED AS MODEST BY RAILWAY PRESIDENT

New York, Feb. 4.—Theodore P. Shonts, president of the company that runs most of New York city's car lines, having decreed that the "conductorettes" recently employed to replace men, should wear bloomers as a part of their uniform, now comes forward to defend the costume against the criticism that it is immodest.

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