

JAR OF MOLASSES CENTER OF STAGE

"Comedy of Errors" Enacted by Two Little Girls on Mechanicsburg Street

Mechanicsburg, Pa., Oct. 14.—Even though it was only a quart of molasses, yet it held the stage on Saturday morning in a comedy of errors in this place. Coming down East Main street were two little girls carrying groceries in their arms which included a bag of salt and a quart jar of molasses. It might also be added that an umbrella played a conspicuous part in the affair. Commencing an altercation as to who should carry more, one was heard to exclaim in a shrill tone and most tragic manner: "If you don't carry this, I'm just going to slam this salt on the pavement this minute," at the same time emphasizing the remark with a gesture calculated to make one less suspecting than her little sister think the salt was in deadly peril. In her anxiety to rescue the salt, little sister made a lunge for it and smash went the jar of molasses on the pavement? But, anyway the salt was secure! Then ensued an argument again as to who should tell "Mom."

Not to lose any time, nor any drop of sweetness in these days of conservation, big sister hit on an ingenious plan! And here the umbrella came on the stage, when she of the active mind began the process of dipping that useful article in the sweet mess and licking it off. It was good, and she ate as long as she could. Finally the children moved on, and the second scene opened with the housewife coming out to clean the pavement. She removed the glass and while she returned to the house, water, along came a man intent on his newspaper and presto, his feet flew from under him and he suddenly sat in the molasses. With alacrity he jumped to his feet, and so great was his interest in his newspaper, that apparently he did not even lose the thread of his story, even though a considerable portion of his trousers bore evidence to the contact with the molasses. The last act closed with the appearance again of the housewife, who removed all traces of the tricky molasses.

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MORE GATES ARE TO GO VERY SOON

Inspections Made of Roads in Adams and Berks Counties by Mr. Hunter



Inspections of sections of toll roads in eastern Pennsylvania have been made in the last week or ten days with a view to purchasing them with the funds remaining in the State Highway Department for freeing turnpikes. Negotiations are pending for others which it is hoped to close up this year, although none will be of any great extent, the purchases in Lancaster and York county having been heavy. The roads which are likely to be taken over are in Adams county, where a short stretch was inspected by Joseph W. Hunter, first deputy highway commissioner, last week, and three miles in the Berks-Lehigh region. Estimates are being made in advance of the next legislative session of the amount of money needed to purchase remaining toll roads and the owners will be required to maintain them in good condition until bought. Several complaints against toll roads are pending before the Public Service Commission.

Buckwheat Up.—Indications are that the reports on the buckwheat production this week will show a materially increased acreage in the northern counties of the state and that many farmers in the eastern agricultural section planted fields of the grain for the first time in years. The crop is believed to have been a big one and considerable attention is now being given to the Capitol to problems attending its distribution in large lots. Some of it may be used for feed.

To Go Slow.—A bulletin has been issued by the State Board of Education in which school directors are informed that schoolhouse construction projects which must be deferred through rulings of the War Industries Board and the policy adopted in such matters "can be taken up when the war shall have been won and labor and materials will then be available without interfering with the war emergency program". The Board calls attention to the fact that an allowance has been made for expenditure for additions "where necessary absolutely demands" and urges that school officials do their best.

Another Pest.—Appearance of the oriental peach moth, one of the most destructive pests which afflict the fruit trees in eastern states has been discovered at several points in the southern section of Pennsylvania and experts from the State Zoologist's office are moving to locate it. The pest is difficult to control and has an affinity for trees of fine variety.

Bear Season.—The Pennsylvania season for hunting bears begins tomorrow and extends until the middle of December. The use of steel traps, dead falls and pens is forbidden and only one bear may be shot by each hunter during the season, three being allowed to a camp. The reports indicate that bears have been seen in a number of northern and mountain counties and have been developing mischievous instincts regarding colonies of bees. The bulk of the bear hunting will be next month. The small game season starts next Monday.

Link Up Work.—Important steps to co-ordinate the work of the rural life bureau of State College and the Agricultural Education Division of the State Department of Public Instruction are under way and committees are working out a plan whereby they will not overlap. Special attention is to be given to this line of activity during the winter. Conferences were held here during the week by Dean H. L. Watts and other officers of State College and Prof. L. H. Dennis, director of agricultural education. Further meetings are to be held and state speakers will meet various gatherings in the country.

Hargest To Appear.—Deputy Attorney General William H. Hargest will appear on behalf of the state in the Supreme Court at Pittsburgh this week to argue the cold storage case appeal. It is probable that this case will be used as a basis for some suggested cold storage legislation next winter. The appeal was taken from the Allegheny county Superior Court. **Road Forces Hit.**—Influenza has been affecting road repair forces in a number of sections of the state work on several projects of an emergency character has been impeded by men getting sick. Highway Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil has been congregating men along the Lincoln highway to prepare it for winter. Work has started erection of new fences at exposed points. Township authorities in counties where there are important roads have been urged to get repairs made now as after November 1 there will be restrictions on materials.

Italian Subjects.—Subjects of Italy are to be treated by local and district draft boards as are "other friendly aliens" declares a notice issued to-day by Major W. G. Murdock, the chief draft officer. An Italian who has declared himself subject to the draft but others are to be placed in class 5 and before the country to enlist in the Italian Army must obtain permits. Conventions between the United States and Italy regarding reciprocal drafting have not yet become effective. Notices of changes in physical requirements have been brought to attention of all boards.

Cots and Tents.—Tents and cots have been sent from the State Arsenal for use in fighting influenza in Lancaster, Nanticoke, Mt. Carmel, Williamstown, Mandata and Scranton in the last twenty-four hours.

Forty Sick.—Over forty persons connected with departments of the state government are down with influenza, but none of the departmental heads has been affected as yet.

Mr. Harry Sick.—Herbert D. Harry, a former clerk in the State Treasury, who went to Fort Thomas, Ky., is ill in the fort hospital with pneumonia. A telegram received by his father, George M. Harry, told that he was out of danger.

To Speed Work.—James E. Sampson, chief of concrete construction of the State Highway Department, has been sent to the Baltimore pike operation in Delaware county to speed up the work. Mr. Sampson has been in charge of the construction and repair on the Lincoln highway's western end.

Crazy Leaves.—Ex-Representative William T. Crosby, who was taken ill with grip in a Harrisburg hotel, has been able to go to his home while here he was visited by Gifford Pinchot regarding plans for the trip to Europe to be taken to study agricultural conditions in connection with the war.

War-Time Hours.—The State Arsenal force is getting along with four hours sleep these days because of the demands for cots and tents for emergency hospitals. The force worked until 5 o'clock this morning to dispatch eight trucks and was back on the job at 7 o'clock. W. L. Hicks, who is running the establishment, says it is like real war at home.

Take \$100,000.—Capitol Hill officials have subscribed for \$100,000 of Liberty Bonds, going \$20,000 beyond what they did on the Third Loan. The State Insurance Fund took \$100,000 bonds in Harrisburg and the State Board of Education \$25,000.

Back at Work.—James C. Deinger, executive clerk, who had been taking a vacation in Sullivan county, has returned to his desk.

STEELTON WAGE INCREASE AIDS BOND SALE

Steel Company's Plant Crippled by the Influenza Epidemic

As a result of the increased wages of employees of the Bethlehem Steel Company thousands of the men have increased their subscriptions to the Fourth Liberty Loan. In one department alone this increase amounts to almost \$25,000, and the subscriptions are still coming in. Like increases are coming in from other departments of the plant. Officials of the plant predict new subscriptions will amount to at least \$100,000. These new subscriptions will put the Steelton returns close to the million and a quarter mark. The departments of the plant are somewhat crippled by shortage of men due to the influenza epidemic. Women in general are becoming quite a common sight, and are making good, many of them already earning wages as high as men on similar jobs.

Borough Congratulated by Captain Batley

In an interview with one of the borough officials, Captain Batley, who has had charge of the organization of the emergency hospital, congratulated Steelton on the excellent volunteer work its citizens are doing. He has had much experience in this line of relief work, and he says that he has never experienced such a wonderful response as has been made here.

He seems to be quite optimistic, especially so since four army doctors have arrived from Camp Crane, Allentown. The hospital is now in charge of Captain Metcalf, and with him are Captain A. H. Bruman, Lieutenant L. E. Neal and Lieutenant M. L. Brandt. Dr. W. J. Middleton is the local physician in charge of the hospital.

Volunteer nurses at the hospital have been divided into three eight-hour shifts. More nurses are needed, especially for the night shifts. Among the deaths at the hospitals over Sunday are Dan Jolman, colored, whose body will be shipped to Virginia; Mrs. Sadie M. Fodgin, 25 years of age, of 213 Meyers street; X. Beckett, 1771 Christian street.

Police Department Making an Influenza Census

The police department has not yet completed the influenza census, but up to noon to-day they have discovered 1,854 cases. The West Side seems to be hardest hit. Main street alone has 129 cases, Meyers street 97, and Frederick street 68. Cases in other portions of the town are more scattered, although Main street reports 86 cases, and Swatara st. Only a few streets remain to be heard from and it is thought that the number of cases in these remaining streets will not be very high. Chief Grove does not believe that the total number will go over 1,900.

FATHER HENRY LUTES IS CRITICALLY ILL

Father Henry Lutes, chaplain of St. Joseph's Hospital at Lancaster, is seriously ill with pneumonia. It was learned to-day that the veteran's condition is slightly improved. Father Lutes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Lutes, Steelton, and is widely known here.

RED CROSS TO MEET
In order to do work in aid of the emergency hospital the Red Cross meeting at the home of Mrs. C. A. Alden. Because of the need of material Dr. Royce gave his approval to the plan.

M. S. Livingston, of the American Sheet and Tin Mill Company, of New Castle, is making a visit to his father at Enhart.

RED CROSS MEETS
The Steelton chapter of the Red Cross held an executive meeting yesterday afternoon on the porch of the Red Cross headquarters. It was decided to put the regular Red Cross work into the hands of the Home Service Section under the care of Miss Bertha Hess. Miss Hess is anxious to have women volunteer for this work, which is to visit the homes of families of soldiers and sailors. Volunteers are asked to report at her home at Front and Conestoga streets.

All the auxiliaries of the Steelton chapter are asked to send in the names of the volunteers to help at the emergency hospital. Assistants are needed in the supply hospital, hospital tent and at the homes of patients.

NURSE IS OVERWORKED
Due to the stress of work brought on by the epidemic, Miss Winslip has been unable to cover the work on hand. She has asked for volunteers to assist her in her visiting work. Volunteers are asked to report to Robert Fairlamb, in Front street.

MRS. GERTRUDE BRICKER
Mrs. Gertrude Bricker, wife of Charles Bricker, of 249 South Second street, died yesterday of influenza from pneumonia, the result of influenza.

SAMUEL LAUDERSMITH
Samuel Laudersmith, of Braxler, aged 25, died yesterday at his home, of pneumonia, the result of an attack of influenza. The funeral will be held Wednesday.

MIKE DOVICH
Mike Dovich, aged 30, died this morning at 7 o'clock, from influenza. The funeral will be held Wednesday.

MRS. LORETTA FORTIER
Mrs. Loretta Fortier, of 405 South Second street, died at the Harrisburg Hospital yesterday of influenza. The body is to be shipped to Mewery, Pa.

JAMES KEES
James Kees died of influenza at his home at Front and Moon street. No funeral arrangements have as yet been made.

MELA NENODAVICH
Mela Nenodavich, of Steelton, died this morning at the Harrisburg Hospital of influenza. He will be buried on Tuesday.

MRS. IDA MEHRING
The body of Mrs. Ida Mehring, of New York, who died there Friday, was brought to Steelton this morning. She will be buried from the home of her son, at 316 Christian street. She was 62 years of age, and died of heart disease.

MRS. E. L. PEE
Mrs. Pee, wife of the Rev. E. L. Pee, pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Highgate, died Saturday morning of pneumonia, due to influenza. Services were held to-day at Highgate. Burial will be made at New Oxford to-morrow.

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Commercial car drivers can add 2,250,000 gallons to this merely by shutting off their motors when their trucks are standing at the curb. And the elimination of regular fall touring will effect a further saving of 500,000 gallons, putting the total safely over the goal of five million gallons. Pennsylvania's motorists already are responding patriotically—and most effectively to the "Gasless Sunday" appeal. Go a step further—voluntarily—and keep the Keystone State in the lead "over here" as it is "over there." Then take the money saved by cutting down gasoline consumption and invest it in Liberty Bonds and \$1,400,000 more will go down to the credit of Pennsylvania.

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