

NORTH BRANCH RATES ATTACKED

Numerous Complaints at Capitol; Western Union Raises a Protest on Wires

Complaint that the new rates of fare on the North Branch Transit Company, operating in Bloomsburg and vicinity and now in the hands of A. W. Day as receiver are forty per cent. of an advance and burdensome, was filed with the Public Service Commission to-day by residents of Bloomsburg, Esby and Almedia.

Governor Brumbaugh to-day announced the appointment of Mrs. Samuel Semple, Titusville, as a member of the State Industrial Board on which she has served for the last five years.

Condemnation of the death sentence of Luther Knox Armstrong, to life imprisonment was announced to-day, a report having been made to the effect that the murderer is insane.

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lord mayor in the center and President Wilson on his right, next to the Duke of Connaught. The Royal Arcadian choir, the "Star Spangled Banner."

Wants New Order During his speech President declared he sought to do away with the old order and establish a new one. The old order, he said, had for its center the balance of power, determined by competitive interests, "jealous watchfulness" and "an antagonism of interests."

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a culmination. There was that sort of gratitude that the nations engaged had produced such men as the soldiers of Britain, France and the United States and of France and Italy—men whose prowess and achievements they had witnessed with rising admiration as they moved from humiliation to culmination.

But there was something more in it, the consciousness that the business is not yet done, the consciousness that it now rests upon others to see that those lives were not lost in vain.

Quotes French Leader "I have not yet been to the actual battlefield, but I have been with many of the men who have fought the battles and the other day I had the pleasure of being present at a session of the French Academy when I was admitted Marshal Joffre as their member."

That sturdy, serene soldier stood and uttered, not the words of triumph, but the simple words of affection for his soldiers who were observed to be choked up in a sentence, which I will not try accurately to quote, but reproduce in its spirit. It was that France must always remember that the world will not walk on the feet of the dead unless the strong and the great always put their power and their strength in the service of right.

It is the afterthought—the thought that something must be done now; not only to make the just settlements—that of course—but to see that the settlements remained and that the balance of power in the world, and justice prevails in the world. And as I have conversed with the soldiers I have been more and more aware that they fought for something that was greater than the men, but which all of them recognized the moment you stated it to them. They fought to do away with an old order and to establish a new one, the center and character of which was the balance of power.

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PLEASE MANY Two Acts and Nineteen Scenes

Checkful of Entertainment "Odds and Ends of 1918," a two-act musical revue, featuring many clever novelties, was presented at the Orpheum Theater last night and runs this afternoon and to-night. The company is on a par with the best musical comedies and gives a first-class entertainment. The offering last night was one of the best productions of its kind in Harrisburg. The revue, with its good singing and dancing, its judicious acting, and the excellent scenery and costumes, was a real treat.

High lights in the performance are the singing and acting of Miss Friel and Mr. Wolf. Madeline Vette, the dancing artist, and Miss Friel, in the "Dance of the Siren," together with the work of the choruses and female quartet.

The two acts are divided into nineteen scenes, and each act is preceded by a prologue. The first scene of the Southland cotton fields, lemons, watermelon, and ends in the Land of Mystery. Some excellent scenery is carried for this part of the performance, no less than four or five minutes. The second scene is the first part ends with a thirty-minute minstrel show, which is filled with songs and dances. The second act takes the audience into the field of musical comedy and burlesque. The first scene is the Navy. Sets of a very high order are used in this act also.

INCREASED WAGE SCALE APPROVED

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calm and content exposition of his views on cardinal issues. Mr. Wilson encountered a good deal of the White House environment in Downing street and so felt very much at home.

Speaking at the state dinner in Buckingham Palace, last night, President Wilson declared that, after conferring with the leaders of the British government, he was glad to say that he had the same conceptions that they had of the significance and scope of the peace settlement.

Wilson Dines with King in Splendor

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Regal Setting for Banquet No more regal setting ever had been arranged in Buckingham Palace than that which greeted President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson when they were escorted into the banquet hall for the precedent-breaking state dinner. Every royal formality which had any greeting of the British government, but President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson when they were escorted into the banquet hall for the precedent-breaking state dinner.

Final Details for Penn-Harris

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board controversy when he changed his vote for a president for one term. In answer to some of the charges of misappropriation of money paid to him to be used in making payments on mortgages Mr. Bretz states that the claims have been filed against his estate now in the bankruptcy. In four of the cases he makes no explanation other than that he was not the attorney for the parties who state he acted for them.

Bethlehem Steel Seeks Lebanon Ore

Lebanon, Pa., Dec. 28.—The Bethlehem Steel Company intends to increase by millions of dollars its iron and railroad holdings in Lebanon county by the outright purchase of the Coleman and Freeman families' interests. Two years ago the Bethlehem Company purchased the American Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company and Lackawanna Iron and Steel Company interests here, also taking over the lease of the Coleman and Freeman interests, which it now aims to acquire by purchase.

THE WAR HAS TAUGHT US

to save and to serve. Don't waste food or fuel. When you eat what be sure it is the whole wheat. It is all Food. Credentialed wheat is the whole wheat nothing wasted, nothing thrown away. Ready cooked, ready-to-eat. Saves fuel, saves food, saves health. For any meal with milk or cream or fruits.

DEATH DAILY IN TYRONE BOROUGH

Seventy-Seven Fatal Cases of Influenza From October 1 to December 20

Tyrone, Pa., Dec. 28.—Influenza is about curbed in Tyrone, but that it was ravaging in its extent is attested by the fact that from October 1 to December 20, there were a total of seventy-seven deaths in the borough, which is at the rate of about one each day. This for a population of about 8,000, makes the death rate for 1918 very high, probably the highest in the town's history. Harry A. Hartman, who just returned to his home from the Student Army Training Corps at Dickinson College, Carlisle, was made health officer and it was due to his attention to the duties of his position that enabled the authorities to keep a close tab on the situation.—The West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company of Tyrone, made glad their 600 employes this week when they handed out bonuses to them in the amount of \$50 per man.—James Bergstrasser, of Pittsburgh, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Francis.—John Nasau, Jr., a student in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, is home for the holiday season.

Perseverance Band to Play at Meeting of Forum

The Perseverance Band will render a number of sacred selections at the meeting of the Forum on Tuesday afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock. The Rev. Mr. Rollis, of Pittsburgh, a presiding elder of the A. M. E. church will be the speaker.

MAY LOSE SIGHT OF EYE

William Danney, of Wallace street, aged 49, is in the Harrisburg Hospital, facing the prospect of losing his left eye as the result of a mishap at the Central Iron and Steel Company, where he is employed. A steel plate over which he was working fell and a fragment flew into the eye.

JAMES C. THOMPSON

James C. Thompson, 70 years old, 1830 Fulton street, died in the Harrisburg Hospital this morning from kidney trouble. He was held from his late home on Tuesday afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock. Burial will be held at the West Hill Cemetery. His wife, Mrs. Briele Thompson, four daughters, four brothers and six sisters survive.

Y. M. C. A. SERVICE

The lecture "The Christmas Story" by the Rev. H. W. A. Hanson, scheduled for to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. building in Fehnestock Hall, has been postponed until next week. It was announced by the Y. M. C. A. secretary, who stated that a strong snow storm was expected for to-morrow's meeting and a special musical attraction will be presented.

TO REPEAT MUSIC

Because the program of Christmas music, presented at the Y. M. C. A. building in Fehnestock Hall, was so enjoyed by the audience, it will be repeated at the morning mass on to-morrow. The choir at the cathedral will be under the direction of Professor Louis D. Brodeur.

BRETZ DECLARES HE IS PERSECUTED

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The hardware store and stock of Bretz Brothers was disposed of at public sale to-day at the office of John T. Olmsted, referee. Walter R. Holt purchased the stock for \$1,000 and the store property for \$27,100 for a client whose name he would not disclose at the sale. J. K. Kipp had arranged to purchase the property for \$20,000. The stock was valued at \$23,200 for the building, but creditors protested and asked for a public sale. Bids were raised \$100 at a time.

President Replies to King

Replying to the King's address, President Wilson said: "I am deeply complimented by the gracious words which you have uttered. The welcome which you have given me and Mrs. Wilson has been so warm, so natural, so evidently from the heart, that we have been more than pleased. We have been touched by it, and I believe that I correctly interpret that welcome as

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