



DIG TROOP SHIP DRIVEN AGROUND AT FIRE ISLAND WITH 2480 YANKS

Westerly Wind Blows Northern Pacific Harder Into Sand; Wounded Soldiers Ordered Taken Off

PAST GUARD CASTS LINES FROM SHORE

Ships Go to Rescue of American Transport in Distress; Not Expected to Be Released Until Tomorrow

New York, Jan. 1.—The American transport Northern Pacific which was driven aground at Fire Island, one of the most dangerous points on the Atlantic coast, in the bay and for 2.30 a. m. to-day, seven hours after, with weather conditions unfavorable—rain and snow falling intermittently, and a southerly wind blowing the vessel harbor into the bay—naval officials saw no prospect that the ship would be released until tomorrow, and a past guard began casting lines from the shore.

The vessel was rolling heavily in sea which appeared to be getting rougher, and while no apprehension was expressed by naval officials as to the safety of those on board, it was regarded advisable to remove the troops immediately.

Uses Precarious Buoy In the barges busy the uninjured men were to be brought ashore while the wounded and nurses were to be removed in tugs and small boats to a rescue fleet which, including cruisers and destroyers, was from the army embarkation pier, Hoboken, in response to a distress message received from the stranded transport.

These rescue vessels included the United States cruisers Columbia and Ves Moines, the transport Mallory, a hospital ship Solace, six destroyers, and the tug Resolute, Calumet, Apple, Spray and Foam. The tug cut alongside the Northern Pacific, took aboard the troops, and transported the sick to the hospital and the well to the cruisers and destroyers.

Gen. Richard Miller Returns From France

Lieutenant Richard Miller, after having been several overseas and treated for months for influenza at his home, 1518 State street, Mr. Demming's illness followed closely upon that of his wife, who is in Trenton, Schuylkill county, at the home of her father and is unable to be moved at this time.

Benjamin Demming Is Ill With Pneumonia

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FORMAL OPENING OF CITY'S MAGNIFICENT NEW HOTEL IS MARKED BY CARNIVAL SPIRIT

New Penn-Harris Blaze of Light and Music

GAIETY MARKS BIG BALLROOM Hundreds Attend First Banquet of Season

Brilliant, diverting, home-like, and altogether democratic was the historic gathering last night to celebrate the opening of the Penn-Harris Hotel, marking a distinct epoch in the life of the city and introducing a new, uncommon and most attractive atmosphere in the Capital of Pennsylvania. So keen and zealous was the appreciation of the more than 400 representative citizens, men and women, that they felt duty grateful when Mayor Keister, in his response, told how Senator Penrose some years since was responsible for the state government being retained here when others would have moved it.

Decidedly, the most fascinating time Harrisburg ever saw, was the consensus of sentiment, when 12 o'clock banged and the lights dimmed in the spacious ballroom to give place to myriad sparklers which crackled and scintillated like a whole flock of planets making up time in the celestial sphere. The keynote was to eliminate self-consciousness, banish fear and depression and have a general rejoicing in the return of peace, winning of the war and in the good fortune associated with the coming of a regular hotel.

Plenty of Enthusiasm

The scheme of entertainment in some measure guided itself and variety jettisoned so lively that Mercer B. Tate, sailing about with a red bonnet and airplane, confessed that though he had handled a thousand parades in his day this affair was "past him." Certainly, the hotel management should be credited with keeping the moments from getting heavy, by immediately after the speeches, representative Harrisburg "broke loose" with all the abandon of the husky Tech boys when their jazz leaders call for action.

Two Orchestras, the Undergrove and Blumenstein's, never failed to

placate the audience, while taken ill with the disease, and his condition is considered rather serious.

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POLICE RECOVER MUCH OF GOODS STOLEN

The police department recovered \$77,170.50 worth of the \$82,942 worth of goods reported stolen during 1918 and made a total of 2,246 arrests. Patrolmen responded for 102 fires, raided fourteen disorderly houses and recovered fifty-nine of the sixty-eight automobiles stolen. In police court 1,895 persons were convicted, sentenced and fined, while 20 were discharged.

France Looks to U. S.

Paris, Jan. 1.—In sending his greeting to the people of the United States, through The Associated Press, to-day, President Poincare said: "I am very glad that President Wilson will take part in the important work of the peace conference. France has full confidence in his enlightened judgment and his lofty conscience. She has suffered long and terribly for the sake of Justice. She knows the United States will not forget the sacrifices she has made. "France is ready to prepare, side by side and in unison with the great sister republic, a better and brighter future for humanity."

PRESIDENT LEAVES FOR ITALY TO-NIGHT Wilson Back in Paris After Leaving British Capitol Rests Before Resuming Journey to Rome

Paris, Jan. 1.—President Wilson arrived in Paris last night. He spent New Year's Day resting, to-night he leaves for Italy. The President expressed himself as exceedingly pleased with his reception and the conferences he had in England. There seems to be no doubt that many questions were settled in the conferences held with Premier Lloyd George. The conviction is expressed here that there is not likely to be any serious differences on the issues to be determined upon at the coming peace congress so far as Great Britain and America is concerned. There is a mutual understanding on the great problem of insuring the world's peace.

Frail Girl Put Shot Through Heart of Man Who Attempts Assault

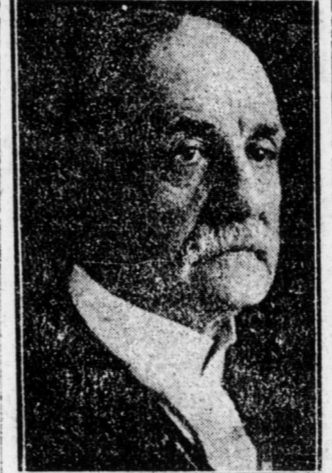
New York, Jan. 1.—A frail, tear-stained girl of 12 years walked into the Mercer street police station to-day, handed the lieutenant a revolver and said she had just killed a "bad man" who had attempted to assault her at her home during the absence of her parents. Investigation by the police apparently proved the girl's story. Tommaso Troia, a peddler, who lived in the same house, was found upon the floor with a bullet through his heart. The girl, Filomena Gambina, said that after she had fired the fatal shot she got a clothesline, intending to strangle the peddler. After waiting three hours for the man to move, she said, she walked to the police station. She is held on a charge of juvenile delinquency.

A Man in a Million



CHAS. A. KUNKEL, BANKER, DIES OF HEART ATTACK

Prominent in Financial and Religious Circles For Many Years Took Active Part in Business Activities and Church Work



CHARLES A. KUNKEL.

Charles A. Kunkel, president of the Mechanics Trust Company and for many years a prominent figure in the civic, financial and religious activities of Harrisburg, died at 1:45 o'clock this morning at his residence, 221 North Front street. He was aged 71 years. Death was due to an attack of heart disease. He had not been in good health for some time.

Mr. Kunkel was born in Shippensburg June 10, 1847. He was the son of Samuel Kunkel. He came to Harrisburg more than fifty years ago, accepting a position as clerk in the Mechanics Bank, then owned by his uncle, J. C. Bomberger. In 1887, following the death of his uncle, he became the cashier of the bank. In 1914 the bank was reorganized under the name of the Mechanics Trust Company. Mr. Kunkel was elected as president, holding that position until the time of his death. He was associated in the bank with his brother, the late Samuel Kunkel. Mr. Kunkel was active in the business life of the city for many years. He was a member of the old Board of Trade and of the Chamber of Commerce. As president of the Y. M. C. A. for many years, he was very well known among the men of the city. Because of ill health, he resigned that position last year and was made president emeritus.

He was superintendent and a teacher in the Zion Lutheran Sunday school for about thirty-five years, taking an active part in the affairs of the church and holding various offices in the vestry. He was also a member of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Lutheran Church, vice-president of the board of trustees of the Harrisburg Academy, a member of the board of trustees of the Gettysburg Theological Seminary, treasurer of the Trinitarian Orphan's Home at Loyville, a director of the American Bankers' Association, former president of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association, president

CANDIDATES FOR POLICE MATRON BEING SOUGHT

Council Holds Up Vote on Mayor Keister's Appointment

Because members of Council cannot agree upon the appointment of a woman as police matron, Mayor Daniel L. Keister said to-day he will ask the civil service board to conduct examinations again in order to get additional names for the eligible list. It has been known in city official circles for months that the commissioners could not vote unanimously on an appointment from the present eligible list. First names on the list are Mrs. Edith E. Bergstresser, 317 Walnut street, and Miss Clara Monasmith, 1606 Hunter street. The salary is \$960 a year.

At the special meeting of Council held August 9, Mayor Keister recommended the appointment of Mrs. Bergstresser and intimated that one other member of Council would vote for her also. The other Commissioners, however, have not assured him of their support, it was said to-day, and for this reason, he said, he will endeavor to have the civil service board hold another examination.

FIRE LOSS FOR YEAR IS FIXED AT \$341,855; RATES CRITICISED

Firemen's Union Ask Reduction of Fire Underwriters

TWO FATALITIES ARE RECORDED

Last January Worst Month of Year For Losses

The fire loss in Harrisburg during the figures of John H. Kinder, chief of the fire department. Of this amount, \$192,215 represents damage to the contents of the properties in which fires occurred. The amount of real estate destroyed was \$39,640. Two persons lost their lives in disastrous fires several others were injured and a number of firemen sustained minor injuries fighting the flames. Those who lost their lives were Mrs. Laura Lockhart, who was suffocated in the fire which partially destroyed the home of H. M. Witman, 2101 North Second street, September 10, and Albert E. Burkholder, a bookman on the Pennsylvania railroad, who sustained fatal injuries in the Maclay street yards of the Pennsylvania railroad when he was drenched with blazing ammonia early in the morning of August 3.

Six Big Fires

The year was featured by six fires where the losses were large. Previous years have seen a greater number of disastrous fires. The Firemen's Union recently passed resolutions calling upon the Underwriters' Association to reduce the fire premiums because of the efficiency of the motorized department. The greatest damage reported was the second day of January, 1918, when the cylinder-finish and rough-turning plants, electric transformer and paint shed of the Harrisburg Pipe and Pipe Bending Company's plant were destroyed at a loss of more than \$210,000. The greatest fire loss for any one month was \$214,610, in January. The second greatest loss was in March, when \$90,900 damage was caused by fire. In October no damage was caused, although firemen responded to a number of alarms. Firemen responded to 119 alarms, twenty-six of which were false. At a number of other places where fires were reported, no damage was caused. Twice local companies were sent to the West Shore to combat disastrous blazes which had passed beyond the control of the local fire fighting facilities.

The six fires which caused the greatest damage were at the Harrisburg Pipe and Pipe Bending Company, the City garage at Walnut and River streets; Central Iron and Steel Company, the home of H. M. Witman, 2101 North Second street, in the Pennsylvania yards at Maclay street, again at the Pipe Bending Company in September, and at the Smith and Keffer warehouse, 441 South Cameron street. The fire at the Pipe Bending Company last January, which caused property damage aggregating more than \$210,000, was caused by a workman dropping a cigarette into a

POLICE ARREST PANHANDLER AS I. W. W. SUSPECT

May Send Photograph to Philadelphia in Connection With the Bomb Outrage

An investigation will be made by the local police department to ascertain whether Samuel Hurley, who gave his home as Boston, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, is connected with the bombing outrages perpetrated in Philadelphia this week. Chief Wetzel said, his photograph will be sent to the Philadelphia authorities to see if he is connected with agitators there. Patrolman Lowery made the arrest. He declared that he did not tell Hurley why he was arrested, but on the way to the police headquarters, Hurley said: "What are you arrested me for?" I. W. W. talk.

Hurley attracted attention when he went into a cigar store in Market Square, and began to advocate I. W. W. activities, bomb outrages and safe blowing, according to the proprietor of the store. Lowery was told about the occurrence, and went to the Market street restaurant to make the arrest. Lowery declared he found Hurley begging his food, and arrested him on the panhandling charge. He told the officer he was from Pittsburgh. At the police station he said, he was from Boston, Mass., and a little later, in a cell, he declared his home was in Philadelphia. He said he was wandering all over the country, as a railroad man for many years. He was the first person arrested in the New Year.

OUR HUN U-BOATS ON THE WAY OVER

London, Jan. 1.—Surrendered German submarines are being divided among the Allies, says the Mail. The newspaper says fifteen go to France, ten to Italy, seven to Japan and four to the United States. The U-boats turned over to the United States are said to be on their way across.

FIRST FIRE OF NEW YEAR DOES \$5,000 DAMAGE

Stock of Globe Clothing Store Suffers Heavily in Early Morning Blaze

More than \$5,000 damage to stock and fixtures in the Globe clothing store, 322-324 Market street, was caused by the first fire of the New Year, which broke out in the front of the cellar at 2:30 o'clock this morning. Smoke and water caused the greatest damage to the clothing stock. Benjamin Strouse, proprietor of the store, and owner of the four-story building in which it is situated, is unable to state the origin of the fire. He declared that in the portion of the cellar where it had its inception, the firm's waste paper is baled and the fire might have been started from the heating pipes in that part of the cellar. The efficiency of the firemen in containing the flames to the cellar was the subject of much commendation by Mr. Strouse. They fought the fire from 2:30 until 4 o'clock, when it was finally under control.

The fire was first discovered by Mr. Slitzer, the night watchman. [Continued on Page 2.]

NOISY WELCOME USHERS IN 1919 IN HARRISBURG

Whistles and Bells Signal Passing of Old and Beginning of New Year

Y. M. C. A. ENTERTAINS Holiday Spirit Is Dampened by the Rain and Mist

There was a noisy transition from 1918 to 1919 at midnight last night. It seemed that every whistle in city and suburb and on engine and factory shrieked out a welcome to the year newly born and every bell joined in the din. There was noise aplenty, and of sleep there was little. A half hour before the midnight hour impatient signalers gave out small toots as though hailing 1919 through the gloom and darkness of the rainy night. An inconsiderate government weather bureau made a general celebration out of the question. Instead of hoisting windows to listen to the formal greeting, the great majority of Harrisburg's population stayed under the covers and let the whistles and bells do the work.

But they knew 1918 had passed on. The hands at the signals attended to that and when a half hour had passed and the gauges on steam boilers showed signs of weariness, the aroused citizen turned over to snooze until the good housewife's voice sounded the breakfast warning and the start of another day of toil. Mr. Durleson, who holds on to the helm of post office, telegraph and telephone activities, was regarded with special favor, for during the hours in which 1918 grasped for breath he had announced a wage increase for the employees of the telegraph system. Employees of both the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies in the city expressed their pleasure at the action of the Postmaster General. Those who had been in the service of the companies for less than a year and a half were, to be sure, not as happy as their fellow workers who had given longer service. The first named class were given a five per

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TYPHOID OUTBREAK SERIOUS

Harrisburg.—The typhoid fever outbreak at Huntingdon is serious. Nurses and engineers of the State Health Department have been sent there and the engineers strongly suspect the water supply, warning all users of janitors water to boil it. There have been three deaths and fifty-five cases and fifteen suspects were reported to Dr. Keister to-day.

COLD WAVE COMING

Washington.—A cold wave was sweeping eastward to-day from the west, where the temperatures hovered around zero. Weather Bureau officials said much colder weather will overpass the eastern half of the country within the next thirty-six hours.

CHECKS ON WAY TO DEPENDENTS

Washington.—On the opening of the New Year the Treasury announced it had mailed all allotment and allowance checks to soldiers' and sailors' dependents covering October pay, due in December.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Chester B. Mous, Trenton, N. J., and Kathryn B. Van Dyke, Susquehanna; Ralph Davidson and Bertha Miller, Harrisburg; Jacob Hollenback, Pottsville, and Margaret Reeber, Steelton; Corporal Aaron S. Beck and Gertrude M. Bell, Harrisburg; Isaac A. Kerstetter and Astrin L. Diller, Harrisburg; John S. Feener and Susie Zitch, Harrisburg; Rayford Jackson and Estie M. Hall, Harrisburg; John P. Winslow, Camp Hill, New Jersey, and Marguerite C. Schenberger, Enola, Clayton Carelock and Lillie Monroe, Steelton.