

Lumbermen Favor Return of Railroads to Former Owners

Pittsburgh, Feb. 15.—At the final session of the convention of the Retail Lumber Dealers' Association of Pennsylvania here a resolution was adopted endorsing the return of the management of the railroads to their former owners. The following officers were elected: President, George B. Sprouls, Claysville; vice

presidents, Henry, Snowden, Jr., Media, Pa.; J. P. Landrine, Jersey City, N. J.; Ernest Johansson, Baltimore, Md.; secretary, Sharon C. Jones, Pittsburgh; treasurer, C. W. Scarborough, Pittsburgh. E. A. Owens, of Susquehanna, Pa., F. A. Mitchell, of Philadelphia, and Daniel Rinehart, of Waynesburg, Pa., were re-elected as executive committee members.

REJECT EMPLOYERS' OFFER
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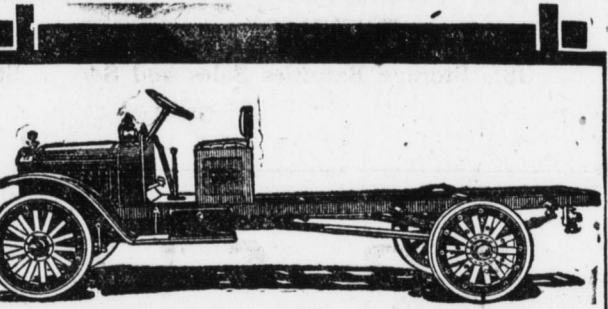
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By L. H. HAGERLING

Reports from the police department and examination of criminal court dockets of a large community nearby show that there were about 100 arrests made last year on the charge of larceny of automobiles. In some cases there were in connection with other charges such as using an automobile without the owners' consent or others were sent to the house of correction. One for a year, and the other for six months. Of the balance sent to jail, one received 30 days and the other two three months.

A striking example, which by the way became very well known, was that of a young man who admitted stealing automobiles because of the large profit and quick return. This occurred at La Crosse, Wisconsin, and the judge sentenced him to seven years. Automobile thieves from the information I have had took a decided slump at La Crosse. The automobile thief is about as slick

an article as the police have to deal with. It is stated that this type of a criminal who, while ready to take a desperate chance takes time enough to investigate the local laws before proceeding. It is further stated that they have a system of spreading information similar to the old tramp who used to place chalk marks on the gate of a place where it was easy to get a meal.

They generally traveled in pairs and in some instances in gangs and they are generally of mechanical term of mind or at least have considerable automobile knowledge.

Frequently the car is stolen from a parking place where a number of cars are located, and they pick out one that is within the risk and can make a quick get-away.

I have personally seen a thief sit on a running board of a car and pretend to be reading a newspaper, giving the impression that he was placed there to guard the car, but all the time he was studying the surroundings carefully and when he felt he was safe, open the door and drove away. In this case, however, he was being watched by four officers and he might have been getting under full headway.

This type of a thief is exceedingly bold, and resorts to clever planning and thinking in order to make his get-away. Joy riding is another subject that will follow next week.

MURDOCK FEARS PACKERS' POWER

Says, Government May Not Be Strong Enough to Combat It

Washington, Feb. 15.—Victor Murdock, member of the Federal Trade Commission, told the House interstate commerce committee yesterday that he feared the five big packers had acquired so much power that even the United States government might not be strong enough to combat it.

"Even Food Administrator Hoover," Mr. Murdock said, "could not reach into Chicago and take the license of a great malefactor, although he could rescind the license of one of the little fellows."

The testimony of the Trade Commissioner followed his statements that facts gathered during the commission's investigation of the meat packing industry had been turned over to the Department of Justice and that he had no doubt that proceedings under the anti-trust law would result.

Mr. Murdock expressed fear that the legislative branch of the government would deal weakly instead of vigorously with the packers. He said that the packers were well aware where there would be vacancies on Senate and House committees which would consider their case and that they would try to see to it that "their friends" got on those committees.

Fire Cuts Big Swath in Railroad Terminals

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 15.—Fed by large quantities of resin and turpentine, fire late yesterday destroyed the plant of the Southern Fertilizer and Chemical Company and burned a swath through the city blocks long and about two hundred feet wide, through the terminals of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad on Hutchinson Island with a loss estimated in millions of dollars.

Cotton, naval stores, sugar, lumber and nitrate of soda added to the intensity of the flames, which were gotten under control after five hours of fighting by the combined forces of the railroad company and city aided by fire tugs. The fire was discovered in the railroad terminal. Railroad officials immediately sought to estimate the loss to the terminals and materials stored there.

Governors of Three States in Conference

Philadelphia, Feb. 15.—Governors Townsend, of Delaware; Edge, of New Jersey, and Spruill, of Pennsylvania, along with Mayor Smith, Philadelphia, and other officers of the three states conferred here yesterday on matters affecting the three states. Regarding the proposed bridge over the Delaware river between Philadelphia and Camden, Governor Spruill said Governor Edge agreed that New Jersey and Pennsylvania should each pay for its end of the bridge to the middle of the stream. The governor also said he favored putting the Pennsylvania end of the project in charge of the State Board of Grounds and Buildings.

Middletown

The Valentine social held at the home of Mrs. A. G. Banks, spring street, by the Mothers' Congress Circle yesterday afternoon, proved a success. The committee in charge were dressed in Martha Washington style, a very pleasant time was had, and refreshments were served. This is the first of a series of teas to be held by the circle.

MORE AMERICANS GIVEN AWARDS

Pennsylvanians Included in List Made Public by War Department

Washington, Feb. 15.—Officers and the units of the American service have received a total of 374 awards and citations, including the American Distinguished Service Cross and various French, British and Italian decorations. A supplementary list received from France and made public by the War Department, shows citations of five American squadrons, the Lafayette, the 17th and the 148th, which served with the British, and the 90th and 99th.

Recent French awards include the Croix De Guerre to pilots and balloonists as follows:

Captain William O. Butler, Germantown, Pa.
Lieutenants James A. Healy, Jersey City, N. J.; Sydney I. Howell, East Orange, N. J.
The Italian Croce Al Merito Di Guerra was awarded to the following:

Lieutenants Allen Bevin, Princeton, N. J.; DeWitt Coleman, Tenny, N. J.; Edmund A. Donnan, of Washington, Pa.; Norton Downs, Three Tuns, Pa.; Donald G. Frost, Paterson, N. J.; George C. Hering, Pelton, Del.; Norman Sweetser, of Philadelphia, Pa.; James Kennedy, Lansdowne, Pa.

Roosevelt Memorials to Be Annual Events

Members of the committee which arranged for the Roosevelt memorial services last Sunday met last night and passed unanimously a resolution favoring the appointment of a permanent committee to arrange for similar services. The resolution follows:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of the General Committee on Roosevelt Memorial Services, held in Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, on Sunday, February 9, 1919, that a permanent Roosevelt Committee for the City of Harrisburg be named, and that the chairman of the General Committee, Chas. E. Landis, be empowered to elaborate with the chairman of the memorial service, Hon. W. D. B. Ainey, in the early appointment of such committee, the number of which is left to the judgment of the permanent chairman of the memorial service, Hon. W. D. B. Ainey, in the early appointment of such committee."

Many Farmers Attend Traction Demonstration

Good attendance was had at the Emerson-Brantingham Tractor School, in this city, officials in charge of the school announced. The course consists principally of lectures by M. G. Dunn and W. J. Durkee, specially trained in the work concerning which they have been lecturing. A special prepared text book is rendered valuable assistance to the students of the course.

Previous to being given here, the course was furnished to Emerson-Brantingham Tractor owners throughout the United States and to army officers at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill. Mr. Dunn, in direct charge of the distribution of tractors throughout fifteen of the eastern states, was designated to take charge of it.

SEMPHORE ARE COMING
The half dozen semphores ordered for Harrisburg's busy corners will be here some time next month, according to Joseph N. Early, the New York sign contractor, who is constructing them. Mr. Early stated that the war held up steel shipments and prevented his securing materials before.

GASSED LATE IN WAR
Private Edgar R. Shuey, of Lingestown, recently returned from overseas service, a wearer of two wound stripes, suffered a severe gasping at the very last hour of the fighting after having been under shell fire for several hours. He arrived in Boston late in January and was discharged a week ago.

FEW ON LISTS OF CASUALTIES

Comparatively High Number of Pennsylvanians Are Mentioned

Washington, Feb. 15.—Short casualty lists were issued today by the War Department. While the total number of names included on the two lists are few, the number of Pennsylvanians mentioned is comparatively high. The Pennsylvanians mentioned are:

KILLED IN ACTION

Sergeant Albert E. Pepper, Ford City.
J. Hilly Evans, Nanticoke.
Joe Gutowski, New Kensington.
Charles Lucas, Philadelphia.
DIED OF DISEASE
Corporal Paul J. Schmeckel, Pittsburgh.

Private

Raymond G. Brown, Alden Station, Frank Falls, Carnegie.
Charles A. Gregg, Pittsburgh.
Frank H. Jeffrey, Glassport.
Joseph A. McCadden, Kulpmont.
Joseph Marino, Philadelphia.
WOUNDED SEVERELY
Private Lewis J. McGough, Loretto.
Alex Niekiewicz, Glassport.
Harold T. Patton, Vandegriff.
Samuel Shulman, Philadelphia.
Charles Henry Smith, Erie.
William Edinger, Philadelphia.
Stephen J. Dorris, Mahanoy City.
Herbert M. Poor, Berlin.
Mike Govern, Mt. Pleasant.
Albert Hornstrom, Warren.
Frank Lewandowski.

Disabled Soldiers Are Taught Trades They Can Handle

Washington, Feb. 15.—"There is no mystery about the work of retraining war disabled men, so as to make them 'efficient,'" to-day declared Dr. Chas. A. Prosser, director of the Federal Board For Vocational Training. "It is simply the application of good, common sense, education and good judgment. It is merely the utilization of the abilities remaining to the disabled man, which can be so trained as in most cases to be just as effective, if not more so, than the ones which he lost by reason of his disability."

Will Use \$200,000 to Probe Influenza

Philadelphia, Feb. 15.—Plans are being formulated by the faculty of Hahnemann Medical College, for the use of its gift of \$200,000 for research work in connection with the fight against influenza.

The money has been provided by Walter E. Hering, president of the Globe Ticket Company, and son of Dr. Constantine Hering, founder of Hahnemann.

Announcement of the establishment of the fund was made at a meeting of the Homeopathic Medical Society by Dr. William F. Baker, a member of the college faculty. The success of the homeopathic school of medicine in the treatment of influenza cases was cited as a reason for the gift.

STATE BANKING COMMISSIONER IN PITTSBURGH

John S. Fisher Will Assist in Handling Affairs of Park Bank

Pittsburgh, Feb. 15.—E. C. Chalfant, president of the Park Bank, which closed its doors Thursday morning following the arrest of J. S. Swanson, cashier, charged with peculation, amounting to more than \$250,000, reiterates his former statement that depositors will probably not lose a cent by the alleged defalcation. The depositors are insisting that the bank be reopened and, this, officials say, will be done in a short time, as soon as the state banking officers have examined the books thoroughly.

The question of appointing a permanent receiver will not be decided until Peter G. Cameron, state examiner, has made his report. Banking Commissioner John G. Fisher and Deputy Attorney General B. J. Myers, of Harrisburg, arrived today to assist in handling the bank's affairs.

Senate Refuses Expression of the Yanks in Russia

Washington, Feb. 15.—With the vote of Vice President Marshall breaking a tie, the Senate late yesterday defeated a motion by Senator Johnson, of California, Republican, to proceed with consideration of his resolution proposing an expression by the Senate for withdrawal of American troops from Russia as soon as practicable.

WORK HOURS REDUCED

Shippensburg, Pa., Feb. 15.—The Shippensburg Knitting Company has reduced the number of hours for their employees from ten to eight. Grace Meredith spent several days at Harrisburg.—Melvin Rosenberry, a wounded soldier, is home on a short furlough.—Nervin Henry has returned home from a hospital.—Ralph Hurley has secured a position in Harrisburg. The Rev. G. W. Perry spent a day in town.—Paul Brandt, of the United States Army aviation department, spent several days with his parents here.—Samuel Rockey is visiting his sister, Miss Emma Rockey in South Prince street.—Earl Clever, of Harrisburg, spent several days at Harrisburg.—Misses Catherine Eichelberger, Margaret Eichelberger, Chester Cramer, Mrs. Ella Clough and John Lupp spent Sunday at Carlisle.—Miss Anna Hutton, of Mechanicsburg, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Knoderer.



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