

RORKE'S BILL TO AMEND BLUE LAW GETS A HEARING

Argument and Music Are Employed to Urge Enactment of Measure

BOK FAVORS AMENDMENT Pittsburgh in With Favorable Resolutions From Thirty-Two Organizations

Advocates and opponents of the Rorke bill to permit Sunday concerts and entertainments of an educational nature debated the measure for two hours before the House judiciary special committee to-day and then the Philadelphia Orchestra gave a concert to demonstrate the kind of music that would be rendered. It was the first time that arguments and music have been presented in the hall of the House of Representatives and the huge chamber was crowded to the doors.

Spencer Presides Mr. Rorke, sponsor for the bill, which would amend the old blue laws, presided and introduced the speaker. The first speaker was Dr. Charles Hart, of Philadelphia, who discussed the work of the orchestra and its aims, being followed by the Rev. Dr. John Mackridge, of St. James' Episcopal Church, Philadelphia.

Edward W. Bok, of Philadelphia, made an extended argument for the bill, reviewing the opposition which had been made against Sunday street cars and Sunday newspapers and how public sentiment had won, saying that there was larger church attendance per thousand of population and more Sunday newspapers than ever, according to what he had heard and in spite of predictions to the contrary.

The music of the orchestra would not interfere with Sabbath observance, he contended, and he closed by saying that the restlessness of the masses against religious and historic prevailing must be reckoned with.

Pittsburgh Makes Plea W. Sites, of Pittsburgh, presented resolutions of thirty-two organizations against the bill, saying that no harm would be done to the workman if he could take his family to Sunday evening moving picture shows to religious and historic pictures. N. P. Alfus, of the International Association of Machinists, also spoke for the bill.

Checks and a Hard Luck Story Land Him in Jail

George A. Evans introduced a new "Get Rich Quick Wallinford" scheme into the criminal annals of Harrisburg to-day. Representing himself as an employee of the Central Iron and Steel Company, he visited the drug store of Alderman James B. DeShong this morning and attempted to pass a check made out to the order of W. C. Bernhart, assigned by the Central Iron and Steel Company, F. B. Hortis, cashier. He alleged that he had been ill with influenza and assigned that reason for not being in the check, which was dated March 1, before this time. The check was for the amount of \$10.10. When DeShong refused to cash the check he visited several other stores and finally "Constantin David" and "Eustace" him. On search it was found that besides the check already mentioned he had three others bearing the Steel Company's signature, made out to W. C. Bernhart for \$22.25 each, and another made out to the order of George A. Evans for \$2.50. He alleged that he had a partner in crime and when authorities investigated they found his coworker endeavoring to enlist at the local army recruiting station.

Veterans Thank the Telegraph For Treat

To the Editor of the Telegraph: On behalf of the boys of the Three Hundred and Sixty-eighth Infantry and Three Hundred and Fifty-first Field Artillery, I wish to express my thanks to the Telegraph for the wonderful treat given us yesterday afternoon at the Orpheum Theater. While these boys were fighting in France for democracy the Telegraph was fighting here at home for right and justice always. The Telegraph will find that these boys who have just come back and who were its organizers yesterday are much better citizens for the experiences undergone, and in taking our places in civil life the boys of the Three Hundred and Sixty-eighth and Three Hundred and Fifty-first will not forget that one of the public mouthpieces of the country which was not afraid to call black black, and white white, was the Harrisburg Telegraph. SGT. LOUIS W. OWEN, Hdqts. Co., 351st F. A.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair tonight, with rising temperature about 36 degrees; Thursday fair, with rising temperature about 38 degrees; Friday fair, with rising temperature about 40 degrees; Saturday fair, with rising temperature about 42 degrees; Sunday fair, with rising temperature about 44 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair tonight and Thursday; rising temperature about 40 degrees; strong north winds diminishing. River The main river will continue to rise slowly. All tributaries will fall, except the lower portion of the North and West branches, which will rise slightly tonight. A stage of about 7.5 feet indicated for Harrisburg Thursday morning.

Six Feet Four and Four Feet Six



Over at Tech they have 850 boys who are all sizes and shapes. Some of these fellows get their nicknames from their peculiarities. And between six feet four and four feet six we have the others of the 848 pupils. Here we have pictured "Bob" Spicer and Harry McNeill, the ones in the Senior and the other a modest Freshman. They are the long and short of Tech. You may call them "David" and "Goliath," "Abe Lincoln" and "Stephen Douglas." You may take your choice, but in four more years the little lad will have to make mighty strides to catch the big boy.

VISITS DIX HOSPITAL REMAINS AS BRIDE

Miss Martha Fox, Teacher in Susquehanna School, Marries at Army Post

Arriving at the base hospital at Camp Dix, N. J., yesterday afternoon to visit her sweetheart, who is in a surgical ward following an operation for injuries received while serving with the United States forces overseas, Miss Martha A. Fox, 1297 Swatara street, former teacher in the Susquehanna open-air school, was unexpectedly married to him. He is Sergeant Ernest J. Durkin, a young businessman of Cleveland, Ohio. Miss Fox now has a leave of absence from active city school service. She secured this leave yesterday to attend Wilson College, Chambersburg. Miss Fox had no intention of being married when she left this city, but Sergeant Durkin, confident of what her answer would be had summoned a hospital chaplain to tie the marital knot and had invited his crippled fellow-soldiers and nurses as attendants at the bridal party.

CAPITOL HILL IS REPRESENTED AT BIG AUTO SHOW

Big Exhibition Hall Kept Spic and Span Despite Crowds

It was "Hill Day" at the huge modern show out in the Overland building, Twenty-sixth and Derry streets, with scores of legislators invading the big arena and many of the employees of the Capitol who took occasion to join the general excursion. Long before the hour of opening, J. Clyde Myton had a regiment of sweepers and cleaners on the job and the attractive showroom was spick and span for the reception of the distinguished visitors, who came in big squads. Frank Davenport's temporary lunch stand was a life-saver, located right at the entrance, so that the flavor of his historic coffee wafted the arrival and steamed him up until he could get to the counter and

Escaping Steam at Home For Children Is Cause For Alarm For Fire

Steam, escaping from a boiler in the cellar of the Children's Industrial Home and filling the cellar when a petcock blew off of the boiler, resulted in a fire alarm being sounded this morning. Peter Shickley, driver of the truck of the Children's Industrial Home, was severely scalded about the feet when he stepped into a puddle of water on the floor of the cellar. It is believed that the attendant of the furnace failed to have a sufficient quantity of water in the boiler. The children of the institution remained calm during the excitement.

WELLS SHOWN AS QUITTER IN HIS TAX BUNCOMBE

Quits When Majority Commissioners Force Him to Play His Hand

SAYS WILL DO NOTHING Permission Given Him to Fix New Assessments in His Home District

That County Commissioner H. C. Wells is playing politics and quitting more, looking only to the possibility of his re-election as minority member of the board in November, became more apparent yesterday afternoon during the revision of assessments of properties in Dauphin, Middle Paxton township and Reed township, according to the statements of other county officials to-day.

Wells has been "calling attention" to what he terms discrepancies in assessments, but so far has made no motion during the sessions of the board of revision to have any changes made. Yesterday when he questioned the valuation of a property, County Commissioner H. M. Stine demanded that he make a motion fixing the assessment as what he thought it should be. Wells admitted then that he "didn't want to take the responsibility" for such a move. Taxpayers and officials who have been watching his actions and remarks about the assessments declared that when he fails to move for any changes of property valuations which he believes them to be too low or too high, he is evading his duty as a County Commissioner and member of the board of revision.

Wells Quits County Commissioners Stine and C. C. Cumber, knowing that Wells owns property in Middle Paxton township, probably acquainted to some extent with values there, said to him yesterday: "We are willing to have you go over the entire assessment list for this township, make any increase in valuations you think should be made—in fact if you want to change the entire list, and make the assessments at the figures you believe to be correct and fair—we will back you up, vote for the changes and set another day to hear appeals from the township." Wells displayed then his true stand by refusing to "take the responsibility," and as a result the other commissioners were able to show to those who were present that his pater about what he would do is mere talk in the hope of re-election. In many parts of the county the figures you believe to be correct and fair—we will back you up, vote for the changes and set another day to hear appeals from the township.

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COAL OPERATORS COMING HERE TO MEET GOVERNOR

Committee to Discuss Anthracite Prices at Conference; Letters Exchanged

A committee of anthracite coal operators will discuss the coal price situation with Governor William C. Sproul at his office tomorrow afternoon. Announcement was made at the Capitol today that the Governor in response to a request from Alan C. Dodson, of Bethlehem, secretary of the independent operators' association, had arranged for the meeting, to be held at 2.30 o'clock. Both the Governor and Attorney General declined to add to the letters issued yesterday. It is believed that there will be no request for action by the Legislature until after the conference. The House will adjourn today for the week. Claiming that Governor Sproul's intimation in a letter to Attorney General Schaffer, that the proposed increase in coal prices are unfair, Alan C. Dodson, secretary of the Anthracite Coal Operators' Association, of Bethlehem, in a lengthy communication, asks that the Governor probe the anthracite situation in the State. The coal men claim that the intimation to that time when he was driving to Penbrook to bring a party to the Pennsylvania railroad station. He was held up, blackjacked and robbed. At that time he managed to continue to Penbrook, bringing his party to the station and then to report the incident to the police department.

JESS'S UNCLE IS HERE TO LOOK FOR "PICKLE" RICE

And He's More Worried Over Street Addresses Than Willard's Chances to Hold Heavyweight Honors

John Willard, uncle of the world's heavyweight champion, came down from Marysville to-day, lured hither by the bracing weather and a desire to look upon one "Pickle" Rice, with whom he had not touched shoulders for several months. Willard is an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and a consistent one at that. In 1918 he lost but one day. To a telegraph reporter he confided that it might have been better for him had he not worked so earnestly. As it was he earned nearly \$1,400 and his income tax amounted to some

BAVARIANS VOTE TITLES OUT OF THEIR COUNTRY

New Premier Outlines Policy at Munich; Plans Are Approved by Diet

SIX PLANES CIRCLE ABOUT WILHELM'S HOLLAND REFUGE

Amerongen, March 19.—Considerable excitement was created at Amerongen Castle, where former Emperor William is staying, when six airplanes appeared suddenly at noon yesterday from behind a bank of clouds. They came from the east and, after encircling the castle twice, disappeared northward. The nationality of the machines could not be distinguished, owing to the overcast weather, but it is assumed they were Dutch.

Basle, Switzerland, March 19.—Premier Hoffman outlined the program of the new Bavarian government at the sitting of the diet yesterday in Munich. Representatives of all parties, it is said, approved of the government's plans and the government was given extensive powers for the direction of state affairs. A bill abolishing the nobility of Bavaria was adopted as also was a measure prohibiting rights of inheritance. Deputy Speck, speaking as the representative of all parties in the diet, protested against the separation of German territories from the former empire, against the retention of German prisoners of war by the allies, and against attempts to prevent the union of German-Austria and Germany.

Premier Names Cabinet Before the sitting adjourned Premier Hoffman announced his cabinet as follows: Minister of Justice, Dr. Max Endre; interior, Martin Segitz; finance, Dr. Werkle; communications, Heinrich Frauendorfer; social affairs, Herr Unterleitner; agriculture, Herr Steiner; military affairs, Herr Schnettenhuth.

Herr Frauendorfer and Unterleitner were members of the cabinet of the late Premier Eisner. Herr Segitz has been minister of the interior, succeeding Herr Auer, who was shot during the Herr in the Bavarian Diet after the assassination of Eisner. Schools Close in Honor to Dr. Schaeffer As a tribute to the late Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, superintendent of public instruction in Pennsylvania, leader of the public schools in the State during the past twenty-six years, the schools of Harrisburg will be closed this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

ORIGINAL "HARD LUCK" MAN IS JOHN MIDDLETON

Robbed, Beaten Up, Robbed and Beaten Again, Is His Record

John Middleton, 620 Hamilton street, is the original "hard luck guy" or at least he recently has had a greater share of misfortune than the average Harrisburger. During recent weeks he has slid downward on the ladder of success from being a taxicab owner and driver to the position of restaurant cashier, has been robbed, beaten up several times and suffered divers other misfortunes. This morning Middleton was admitted to the Harrisburg Hospital, suffering with a severe nose bleed. This, he says, resulted from a scuffle, which occurred on Monday night in a restaurant in which he is now serving as a cashier, to which position one of his most serious misfortunes has brought him. In this scuffle, he says, he was severely struck across the nose. The theft of his automobile is responsible for him serving as cashier at this time, he says. Several weeks ago, when he was proprietor of a taxicab and served as his own driver, his auto was stolen from in front of the Majestic theater and no trace of the culprit was found. But the long chain of his hard luck started even before that.

CINCINNATI FISH WAR CUTS PRICE OF EGGS

Cincinnati, March 19.—The "war" that has the 400,000 pound fish from the Atlantic Ocean and the Great Lakes in Cincinnati in three weeks has had a curious effect upon the Cincinnati egg market. The increased consumption of fish has cut the price of eggs four cents a dozen, commission men report. A further reduction in egg prices is expected, as the warring fish companies promise to send six carloads of fish to Cincinnati within a week.

4,000 WORKERS STRIKE

Cleveland, Ohio, March 19.—Four thousand men's clothing workers of Cleveland, employed in forty factories, went on strike this morning, according to Louis Hollander, general organizer of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. A strike vote was taken last night. The workers demand a 44-hour week, complete recognition of the union and a 30 per cent. increase in wages for all workers.

PEACE CONFERENCE LIFTS STRICTURES ON HUN ARMAMENT

Allies Will Supervise While Huns Deliver War Materials, But Not Through Period of Payment

Paris, March 19.—The military terms of the treaty of peace have been amended by the elimination of the clause providing for the control of Germany's armament for an indefinite period. Admiral W. S. Benson, of the United States Navy, pointed out that the original terms committed the United States to a virtually indefinite occupation of Germany. It was chiefly on his insistence the terms were modified. American delegates also pointed out that control of any portion of Germany for such a period would delay the return of American troops and would amount to annulling Germany's sovereignty. As amended the terms provide for control through the time fixed for the delivery of materials of war, guns and ships, but not through the period during which war damages will be paid by Germany. British Proposals Accepted In a report submitted yesterday the commission appointed to consider plans for an international air code announced that the British proposals had been, in the main, accepted. An international council will be formed as a section of the League of Nations to handle all matters relative to aerial navigation. It has been decided that each nation is entitled to sovereignty over the air above it, subject to the granting of permission for the passage of foreign aviators. There is to be no discrimination against any nation by another, air pilots will be licensed on an international basis, and there will be no international air routes, the right of way for airplanes and airships. Switzerland Gets Demand The commission on international waterways, ports and railroads of the Peace Conference decided to-day to recommend to the conference that Switzerland should be given the navigating facilities on the Rhine for which she has made demands. No Bar to World Peace Inclusion of the League of Nations covenant in the preliminary peace treaty will not delay the signing of the treaty, which, it is hoped, will be accomplished within two weeks, said Lord Robert Cecil, of Great Britain, talking to British and American newspaper correspondents last night. He said that three amendments to the covenant had been submitted, but added he was "sure there will be no difficulty in meeting legitimate objections. Discussion of the Monroe Doctrine and the effect of the League of Nations upon it Lord Robert said: "The Monroe Doctrine is strengthened by the League of Nations covenant because international action will be carried out by the organs of

PARIS IS TO TAKE DOWN ITS FORTS

There are three rings of permanent fortifications about the city of Paris—first a solid wall of masonry twenty-two miles in circumference around the old sections of the city; second, a system of seventeen detached forts arranged at intervals of two miles beyond the wall and making a circuit of the city thirty-four miles in extent, and, third, an outer girdle of forts seventy-five miles in length on the heights commanding the Valley of the Seine. In August, 1914, special fortifications were erected, buildings demolished and trees which obstructed a clear view of the terrain about the city were cut down. These probably are the fortifications which are to be dismantled.

BRITISH STEAMER ASHORE

Esquimaux, Me.—The British steamer Toga struck on Old Proprietor ledge, southeast of Grand Manan, N. B., in a fog last night. Word was received here to-day when the crew landed on Grand Manan Island.

RAINBOW DIVISION SOON TO SAIL

Washington.—The Forty-second Rainbow Division will sail from Brest between March 28 and April 19, the War Department was informed to-day by General Pershing.

LLOYD GEORGE TO STAY IN PARIS

Paris.—It was officially announced to-day that Premier Lloyd George would remain in Paris until the draft of the treaty of peace is concluded, the premier having decided to postpone his return to London.

DUNBAR'S SLAYER STABS KEEPERS

Ossining, N. Y.—Giovanni Ferraro, a murderer, who was to be executed to-morrow night, tried to escape from the death house in Sing Sing prison to-day. He stabbed two keepers, one seriously, and was subdued only after three keepers fought for ten minutes to overcome him. Ferraro was under death sentence for having shot and killed a railroad employ while working in Cattaraugus county, New York.

WILKINS WIRES HE'S COMING BACK

Long Beach, N. Y.—As District Attorney Weeks was preparing to present evidence in the Wilkins murder case to the grand jury to-day he received a telegram, purporting to come from Dr. Wilkins at Baltimore, saying the doctor was returning to put himself in front of the grand jury.

MARRIAGE LICENSSES

Gabriel Alexia, Providence, R. I., and Helen M. Wilkinson, Harrisburg; Ben Berger and Helen I. Patschke, Lebanon; John C. Weiss, Columbia, and Elsie M. Brady, Harrisburg.

NAB COUNTESS WHO THREATENS THE PRESIDENT

Secret Service Men Arrest the Former Lady-in-Waiting to Austrian Empress

SAID DANGEROUS WOMAN Admits to Having Spread German Propaganda Before and After War

Chicago, March 19.—Aurelia Bethlen, claiming to be a Hungarian countess, is held by Federal authorities to-day pending a hearing on a charge of sending a threatening letter to President Wilson addressed to Paris. The countess, who claims she was lady-in-waiting to Empress Elizabeth of Austria, was arrested last night by government operatives on a warrant sworn out by Captain Thomas J. Porter, chief of the secret service here. According to Captain Porter, the countess berated the President in a five-page letter which had been intercepted and also had acknowledged spreading German propaganda, both during the war and since. The countess said she had been gathering sociological data for a series of lectures on capital and labor and the work of the Peace Conference. She came to this country in 1908. Her husband died in Budapest in 1892. She said she "believe her to be a dangerous woman," Captain Porter said. "She is exceptionally well educated and is a rapid political orator."

Baby Scalded When It Falls Into Boiling Water

A 2-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Snyder, 418 South Seventeenth street, was severely scalded this morning when it fell into a tub of boiling water while playing about its home. The injury covers the entire left side from the shoulder to the arm.

BUILDING GIANT PLANT

Berlin, March 19.—The Rumpier airplane factory in Bavaria, the plant which produces the noted Taube airplanes, now has under construction a giant airplane intended for a trans-Atlantic flight.