



The Star-Independent.

LXXXVIII—NO. 154, 16 PAGES

Daily Except Sunday. Entered as Second Class HARRISBURG, PA. THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 3, 1919.

ONLY EVENING ASSOCIATED PRESS NEWSPAPER IN HARRISBURG

TWO CENTS SINGLE COPIES HOME EDITION

CELEBRATION OF JULY 4 IS TO BE SAFE AND SANE

Many Band Concerts Planned For Afternoon and Evening FIREWORKS ARE BARRED Special Religious Services to Be Held in Accordance to Custom

Harrisburg is to-day getting ready to forget to-morrow the greater share of its cares and again reverently observe the signing of that famous pact which created America a nation, some 163 years ago.

Nothing extensive is to be found in any of the preparations of Harrisburg for the observance of the Declaration of Independence, but custom is to be held in the past.

Fireworks Barred Fireworks pyrotechnics with their noise and red light will be missing from to-morrow's celebrations in this city, in sharp contrast to some of those held in the past.

Band Concerts. The concerts will be held at the following places: Reservoir Park, 2:30 to 4:30, and 8 until 10 o'clock, Commonwealth Band.

Lawn of the Home of the Friends, Fifth and Munich streets, 2:30 until 4:30, Moose Band. River Park, Front and Boas streets, 8 until 10, Moose Band.

Harris Park, Front and Mulberry streets, 2:30 until 4:30, and 7:15 until 9:15, Highgate Band. Vorbeck street, between Cowden and Seventh, 2:30 until 4:30, and 8 until 10, Perseverance Band.

A prayer meeting has been arranged by the Square Presbyterian Church. In 1876 the church held the first prayer meeting of the Fourth of July. This meeting has been made a regular feature of the day.

Musical Thieves Took Records After Stealing Phonograph From Home

Burglars who have been responsible for a number of petty thefts in the city within the past several days, appear to have developed a musical taste. Yesterday reports were received of the theft of a phonograph and records and to-day a report was received that a phonograph itself was stolen from Elmer C. Wingard, 1720 North Third street.

THE WEATHER

Harrisburg and Vicinity: Fair, continued warm to-night and Friday. Lowest temperature to-night about 70 degrees. Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Friday. Wind, continued warm. Erie: Fair to-night and Friday. Wind, continued warm. Lake Erie: Fair to-night and Friday. Wind, continued warm.

GIANT DIRIGIBLE R-34 IS CRUISING ABOVE FOG ON VOYAGE OVER ATLANTIC

British Airship Is Due Friday Forenoon

HALF OVER, CREW WIRES

New Foundland Has Signals From Traveler

GET R-34'S SIGNALS St. John's, N. F., July 3.—The wireless station here reports having heard signals last night from the British dirigible R-34, indicating that all was well and that the dirigible was continuing her westward journey.

London, July 3.—At 9 o'clock Greenwich time (5 o'clock New York time) the giant dirigible R-34 reported to the British air ministry that she was continuing in an almost due westerly course.

The report from the airship said she was cruising above fog. At 6.11 this morning the dirigible was approximately half way over the Atlantic to New Foundland. Her position at 9 o'clock (Greenwich time) was 52 degrees, 50 minutes north latitude and 34 degrees, 30 minutes west longitude.

The air ministry announced during the forenoon that the dirigible was expected to reach St. John's, New Foundland, on Friday morning and Hazelhurst Field, early Saturday morning.

The British warship Renown, stationed in mid-Atlantic, reported at 6.15 o'clock this morning that the barometer was steady, the wind blowing about four miles an hour from the northwest. The sky was clear and visibly good and the sea was smooth.

Montauk Point, N. Y., July 3.—The American dirigible C-3, housed at the Montauk naval air station, to-day was fully fueled and ready to sail out to meet the R-34 when she nears this coast.

It is expected the radio station here will be the first on Long Island to pick up a message from the British airship. If no word is received from her on Friday morning, officers said, the C-3 will be sent out on an observation flight. The American craft is equipped with wireless and could pick up the visitor and pilot her to her anchorage.

Cable Tested For Use in Underground System; Poles to Come Down

City Electrician Clark E. Diehl today tested cable at Wilkes-Barre to be used in this city for underground police and fire alarm systems. Walnut street, replacing overhead wires.

It is understood that as soon as the tests are completed the cable is to be sent to Harrisburg and will be placed in conduits at once. Mr. Diehl before leaving said he will have arrangements made to do the underground work with no delay. As soon as these overhead wires are replaced they will be removed from the poles.

SATURN'S CALL ON VENUS DISTURBED THE HEAVENS

Really Jess Willard and Jack Dempsey Are Not Stars of Sufficient Class to Light Up the Skies

The configuration of heavenly bodies in the western sky seems to have attracted some attention last evening, in spite of the haze and smoke over the city. The appearance of the three stars, accompanied by a "dry" moon, is still unexplained, unless the Victory "V" was the right answer.

U. S. to Protect France

Paris, July 3.—The texts of the agreements between France and the United States and France and Great Britain were given out by the Foreign Office late last night. The agreement with the United States cites articles of the Peace Treaty prohibiting Germany from fortifying either the right or left bank of the Rhine or assembling forces within thirty miles east of the Rhine and provides, in case these provisions do not assure France proper security and protection, the United States is bound to come immediately to the aid of France if any unprovoked act of aggression is made against her by Germany.

"Y" PICNIC CERTAIN TO BE BIG EVENT

Country Home of J. William Bowman to Be Alive With Gaiety July 17, When Annual Outing Is Held

Whoopee! Sixty Autos! Band! Swimming! Baseball! Volleyball! Eats!

What's the big idea? Haven't you heard? The annual picnic of the Central Young Men's Christian Association is scheduled for July 17.

The country home of J. William Bowman, two miles above Dauphin, is the place. And it's to be quite a picnic. Oh, yes, quite! The entertainment committee of the "Y" headed by John F. O'Neill, has quickly been on the job getting set for the event for a month and new plans have been about completed.

To picnickers will leave Harrisburg this afternoon at the seventeenth traveling deluxe—always excepting of course the "Y" members who own silver. Henderson Gilbert, heads the "stunts" committee, so no more need be said on that particular subject.

BIG WAREHOUSE AND GARAGE FOR MARKET STREET

Selden Truck Distributors Plan Modern Structure on Busy Corner

Arrangements have been completed for the erection of a three-story brick and concrete fireproof building on the southwest corner of Market and Cameron streets, work to be started immediately. The Selden Truck Distributors who

PINE STREET TO ENLARGE CHURCH AND EQUIPMENT

Large Sum Will Be Expended in Remodeling the Building

By an unanimous vote the congregation of Pine Street Presbyterian church authorized the appointment of a building and finance committee to arrange for improvements to the church and Sunday school, and submit reports for final approval at an

PROPPED BEFORE JURYMEN, WOMAN DENIES SLAYING

Nurse Gives Last Word to Twelve in Trial For Poisoning Patient

Lawrence, Mass., July 3.—Seated within six feet of the jury box and propped in pillows, Mrs. Bessie M. (Skeels) Lundgren to-day gave a last word to the jury in defending herself against the charge that she murdered her patient, Miss Florence W. Gay, with poison. The former nurse, pale but calm, made some denial that she had given Miss Gay or her brother, Albert J. Wilkins, of Bayonne, N. J., whom she is also charged with having poisoned, any medicine not prescribed by a physician.

NO CHEAP AUTOS FOR SALE; JOKE AND PLOT BARED

Man Offering Cars Dirt Cheap Tells Incredible Story, Probe Discloses

U. S. KEEPS GOOD ONES Others to Be Turned Back to Firms Which Made Them; Others Sold in Bulk

Automobiles. Hundreds of them. Packards, \$500. Dodges, \$375. Fords, any old price.

Perhaps you have met the man who is offering automobiles dirt cheap. The whole town is talking about him. Yesterday there was a wide search for this bargain individual, but he could not be found, and thereby hangs a tale.

For several days Harrisburgers have been hearing of wonderful bargains in automobiles. It was said several men have offered government automobiles at the above prices. Everybody seemed to get the fever and wanted an auto. Local automobile dealers saw their business going backward with such rare offers and they got their heads together and investigated. Here is the answer:

There have been both jokers and worse at work. This was not a joke. The man who made after the meeting of auto dealers at the Penn-Harris, yesterday afternoon. As far as is known, the crooks have not been successful in Harrisburg. Their game was to work the country districts; tell about the thousands of unsold cars on hand and offer a car worth \$700 to \$1,500 at \$100 and upward.

The stipulation was that the buyer must sign a paper and pay over anywhere from \$50 to \$100 in advance, and the car would be delivered in a few days. Reports say that four Cumberland county farmers, bought cars on this plan, but they never received the cars. Now for the joker.

He heard that the Government had many hundred cars at Baltimore and wanted to sell. He went to a nearby depot and met agents not in authority who told him the report was true. Then he made further inquiries and was told that Packards and Dodge cars would be sold at \$500 and \$375, respectively under these conditions:

Five persons in Harrisburg signed the papers. This was two weeks ago. No cars have arrived and now those who signed are getting angry at the fact that they were victims of a joke. They are glad they did not pay over the money.

At the meeting yesterday it was stated that one local dealer went to Washington and Baltimore and reported that all good cars the United States Government needed would be kept in service. The unused cars would be taken back by the manufacturers. Cars used and needing repairs would be sold in bulk to the highest bidder. That there were no persons authorized to represent the Government in making individual sales.

THOUSANDS ARE TAKING PART IN GREAT JUBILEE

Carlisle Crowded For Military Parade in Victory Demonstration

Carlisle, July 3.—To-day found the Cumberland County Victory and Peace Celebration well under way. Thousands of visitors were in the town to-day for the big military parade which was the principal

UNEMPLOYMENT GIVES PLACE TO LABOR SCARCITY

Jobs For All Who Want Them Through State Employment Agency

The reports received at the main Clearing House at Harrisburg from offices of the State Department of Service throughout the State indicate a gradual resumption of business and industrial activity.

Conditions of several months ago are practically reversed, for while at that time it was difficult to find jobs for men, at the present time it is hard to find proper men for jobs that the past ten days show a call for all classes of workmen, but more especially for skilled and semi-skilled men.

The problem which is insistent in its own right is that of the distribution of labor in various trades, several construction and railroad projects in the central part of the State require the labor of miners and workers, a dearth of miners and workers is anticipated in the coal regions, by reason of the fact that a large number of foreigners are expected shortly to leave for their homes in Europe. It thus happens that the service is able to offer a job practically to every soldier, sailor or marine who applies.

NATION HURRIES TO TOLEDO FOR BATTLE OF RING CHAMPIONS

Ohio City Bulges as Big Crowds Enter to Witness Bout

RULES TO BE ACTED UPON

Toledo, Ohio, July 3.—For the heavyweight boxing contest between Jess Willard and Jack Dempsey here to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock every train is unloading hundreds of boxing fans. All hotels, rooming-houses and other similar establishments are "sold out" for tonight. Thousands of visitors unable to obtain hotel accommodations will sleep on cots in several buildings which have been turned into huge dormitories.

Hundreds of motor parties brought tents with them and pitched them along the roads on the outskirts of the city. Hundreds of others plan to spend to-night in Cleveland, Detroit, Columbus and other cities within a radius of 100 miles and make the trip to Toledo early to-morrow.

With their training grind ended Willard and his youthful challenger planned to spend to-day in complete rest. The champion planned to take a motor trip into the country this afternoon and go to bed early tonight. A brisk walk over the highways of the state was the program of Dempsey this morning. Jack Kearns, manager of the challenger, planned to take him on a motor spin through the country this afternoon to keep his mind off the contest.

Rules governing the contest are to be officially interpreted at a meeting to-day attended by the principals and officials. Previous to the meeting Willard expressed himself as being willing to box under any rules, but suggested that the contestants be permitted to box as long as an arm is free, to break at once at the command of the referee, and to break clean.

Richard said he understood that straight Marquis of Queensberry rules were to apply the boxers to take care of themselves at all times. Probably the only blow to be barred will be the kidney punch, which, under the rules of the Toledo Boxing Commission, is prohibited in all matches staged in this city. No provision is made for the rabbit punch, which Willard's advisers say is a favorite with the champion.

The blow is delivered on the back of an opponent's knee and light Willard and Dempsey have used it with punishing effect in the training camps. The punch, it was indicated would be allowed, so long as the boxer using it did not hold his opponent with one arm.

Betting Surprisingly Light Betting on the outcome of the bout has proved surprisingly light to date. One of the foremost wagering commissioners estimated to-day that not much more than \$10,000 in actual stakes were in the hands of the various betting concerns. In some quarters sentiment appeared to be veering toward the champion, for while Dempsey backers were offering even money on the challenger a man for two says they are now asking that Willard men lay 10 to 8. Bets remaining untaken include: \$100 to \$1,000 that Willard does not last three rounds and \$100 to \$500 that Willard does not respond to the call for the seventh round. In the pari-mutual betting the heaviest play is being made on the seventh and eighth rounds while Dempsey is almost a two to one favorite, according to the number of tickets sold, on the result should the bout go the full two rounds.

Circus Parade Route Announced For Tomorrow

The Barnum and Bailey and Ringling Brothers circus will show to-morrow afternoon and evening at Greenwood and Twenty-first streets. The parade will leave the show grounds at 10:30, coming into town by way of Derry street to the Mulberry street bridge, on the bridge to Fourth, in Fourth to North, in North to Second, in Second to Market, in Market to Fourth, in Fourth to Mulberry street bridge and back to show grounds.

THIRD YANKEE ARMY NO MORE

Coblenz, July 3.—The United States Army, or the Army of Occupation, will hereafter be known as the American forces in Germany. Upon orders from general headquarters, the Third Army in name only, was dissolved to-day.

GERMANS LEAVE BRUSSELS

Brussels, July 3.—The first lot of 800 German prisoners of war left Brussels yesterday. They will rejoin their units and prepare for their repatriation.

No Telegraph Tomorrow

There will be no issue of the Telegraph to-morrow, Independence Day. Following a long-established custom all departments of the Telegraph Printing Company will be closed.

FORMER GERMAN EMPEROR IS TO BE TRIED SOON

British Premier Says William Hohenzollern Will Face London Tribunal

TEUTON OFFICERS, TOO Terrible Terms of Pact in Harmony With Infamous Deeds of Enemy

London, July 3.—The former German emperor will soon be placed on trial. Premier Lloyd George made this announcement in the House of Commons to-day in his report on the peace negotiations. The Premier declared that the tribunal which would try the former emperor would sit in London. German officers who had committed appalling infamies, the Premier added, would also be placed on trial.

BUTTER FAT IS FOUND IN CREAM IN LATEST TESTS

Crusade Begun by Health Department Has Good Effect

Cream and ice cream samples taken during June by city food inspector and treated by the city bacteriologist show a decided improvement in the supply. The city Health Bureau had prosecuted a number of dealers recently for selling cream of poor quality.

Handley-Page Bomber Abandons Atlantic Flight; Flies to Shore Instead

St. John's, N. F., July 3.—Vice Admiral Mark Kerr announced to-day that he had abandoned the proposed trans-Atlantic flight in Handley-Page bombing machine and that instead he would fly to Atlantic City, probably starting this afternoon if the weather permits.

ARMY ROCKETS GO OFF TONIGHT AT ISLAND

Harrisburg—Col. James B. Kemper, recruiting officer for the U. S. Army here, has procured from Washington 100 army signal rockets like those used in France. He has obtained permission from the chief of police to set them off directly after dark this evening on the bridge island.

Harrisburg—Governor Sproul has named the following board of trustees for mothers' pensions for Susquehanna county: Mrs. Henry F. Manzer, Montrose; Mrs. Lee R. Bolles, Jessup; Mrs. R. E. McMicken, Springville; Miss Amelia Townsend, Franklin Forks; Miss Verna Beardlee, Middletown; Mrs. E. N. Townsend, New Milford, and Mrs. Mary Mooney, Susquehanna.

New York — The Fifth avenue homes of former United States Senator William A. Clark, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Andrew Carnegie, Henry C. Frick, Mrs. Flaisy J. Stepper, Vincent Astor and other persons of wealth, together with the City Hall and other municipal buildings are being guarded by police.

KNOCKED DOWN BY ENGINE

Harrisburg—William Fishburn was knocked down by a locomotive while crossing from the Pennsylvania station to the P. & R. depot this afternoon about 2 o'clock, and was admitted to the Harrisburg hospital suffering from lacerations about the head. Fishburn is an employe of the American Railway Express and lives on East Front street, Mechanicsburg. Doctors at the hospital think he may have a fractured skull.

DYNAMITE STOLEN

Harrisburg—Captain George C. Lumb, acting superintendent of State Police, to-day sent word to the directors of public safety in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh of the thefts of quantities of dynamite at New Castle and Lewistown in the last few days and warning them of possibility of men having the explosives being abroad. State Policemen have been endeavoring to get the trail of the men responsible for the thefts.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Lewis E. Duncan and Aileen J. Appold, Lancaster; Edmund V. Smith, Hazey, and Ruth V. Eggle, Harrisburg; Robert C. Stone, Patterson, N. J., and Gertrude M. Steinrock, Royaltown; Clarence L. Solisberger, Carlisle, and Olive M. Lupp, Lemoyne; Alvin L. Etzweiler and Linda E. Patton, Steelton; William M. Peters and Catharine J. Wagner, Harrisburg; Harry A. Mumper, Mechanicsburg, and Florence C. Shuler, Harrisburg; Warren L. Kaufman, Yorkers, N. Y., and Mary E. Polk, Millersburg.