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CAMPERS ESCAPE TO HIGH GROUND WHEN TWO DAMS GIVE WAY

Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls Crawl to Mountain Side When Waters Sweep Over Boundaries of Raging Creek

HIGHWAYS ARE COVERED AND CELLARS FILLED WITH WATER

Straining under continued pressure from the recent rains, the big dams at Mt. Holly and Laurel gave way partly last night releasing torrents of water which swept down through the valleys with great force.

Big camps of Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls located along the streams were inundated, the boys and girls being forced to climb to higher ground. The girls are from Elizabethtown and the boys are from this city.

The youngsters managed to save most of their property, and at no time were in danger. The grounds, carried out portions of highways and a bit of railroad, damaged to crops, filled cellars, washed away small outbuildings and caused much inconvenience.

Neither of the dams were washed entirely away. Holly dam gave way on but one side while the big flood gates in the Laurel ice dam was swept away.

Entire Section Flooded When one of the floodgates at the ice dam at Laurel gave way last evening due to the high water in the Mountain creek, the entire section of the valley from Laurel to Mt. Holly Springs where the stream flows into the Yellow Breches creek was flooded, the water washing out the roads, covering bridges, carrying away a small cottage and a tent, and surrounding a girls' camp at Pine Grove Park.

There was no loss of life except at Hunsdale where three horses were crossing a bridge when it gave away. They were drowned. The cottage and tent at Laurel just below the dam were untenanted. Huckleberry pickers had left the tent late yesterday afternoon. Efforts to locate it and the cottage failed.

Highways Covered The floodgates on the roadway side of the dam held and with the water in the channel of the dam receding no further damage is expected. Just after the one floodgate was washed out the water in the creek below went up in height more than six feet, covering the road and the railroad tracks of the Philadelphia and Reading Company. Cottagers along the roadway, it is feared that they would be compelled to leave, but the water only came up to the doors.

Twenty Camp Fire Girls from Elizabethtown were camping at Pine Grove Park and were marooned when the high water surrounded them. J. R. Williams of the State Forestry Department by using up the railroad finally managed to reach the girls. He took them to the cottage of Mrs. S. J. Harris, of Harrisburg, where they spent the night.

Trucks Carried Away Between Tolland and Gardner's, two villages along the Reading railway, the tracks were washed away five feet. Bridges along the creek were covered to the top guard rails. It has not been determined yet whether any of them have been washed away, but it is believed that most of them have been damaged and must be repaired before they can be used again. Much damage was done to the roadway through the small valley also.

Boy Scouts Move Reports early this morning said that the Boy Scouts of Harrisburg who have been camping this summer at Mt. Holly Springs Park were compelled during the night to move their tents and effects to high ground along the mountain. The boys at no time were in danger and their trappings stored them in good stead in their difficulty.

A great body of water rushed down Mountain creek when one side of Holly dam gave way. The torrent rushed down the valley digging out gardens and carrying away small property. A number of cellars were flooded and the creek was at its highest point today in recent years.

The dam backs up water over an area of between twenty and twenty acres and supplies water for the Mt. Holly paper mills. Recent rains have caused a strain on the structure.

Word from the scout camp said that at no time were the boys in danger. They had their tents pitched on fairly low ground so as to be near the water. Their camping field quickly was flooded when the creek began to rise to unusual heights.

MAY RUN SHAMMO Democrats may run Calder Shammo for recorder of deeds at the fall elections. His name was mentioned for the place at a conference of Democrats last evening. Democratic candidates are not coming forward in any numbers.

THE WEATHER Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Thursday, not much change in temperature. All temperatures about 63 degrees. Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Thursday, no change in temperature. Gentle variable winds, mostly west and north.

River: The main river will rise except the upper portion will begin to fall late to-night or on Thursday morning. All tributaries will fall to-night and Thursday. A stage of about 6.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Thursday morning.

MURDERED IN BED By Associated Press. Glassboro, N. J., July 22. — Mrs. Clara Sabor, 30 years old, was murdered early today. Mrs. Jennie Krasge, of Wilmington, Del., her mother, was shot and seriously wounded. Mrs. Krasge said the shooting was done by masked burglars, but shortly after the tragedy the police arrested the husband of Mrs. Sabor and held him without bail.

FAMOUS MINSTREL DIES By Associated Press. San Diego, Cal., July 22.—George H. Primm, famous minstrel, died today, following a severe illness that began one month ago. He was born in London, Ont., 66 years ago.

25 Rebel Bands With 35,000 Men, Operate Against Carranza Army

Washington, July 23. — Twenty-five distinct bands of rebels with a strength of about 35,000 men now are operating in Mexico, according to a tabulation which has just been published by the Carranza government, which has about 60,000, which, however, is able to control little more than the railway line with a narrow strip along the Pacific coast from Guaymas to San Blas and the territory around Tampico.

RETAIL CLOTHIERS TO MEET IN THIS CITY IN 1920 The State Retail Clothiers' Association of Pennsylvania at its annual convention in Erie, to-day accepted the invitation of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce to hold its convention in Harrisburg next year. More than 700 clothiers attend the annual sessions of the association.

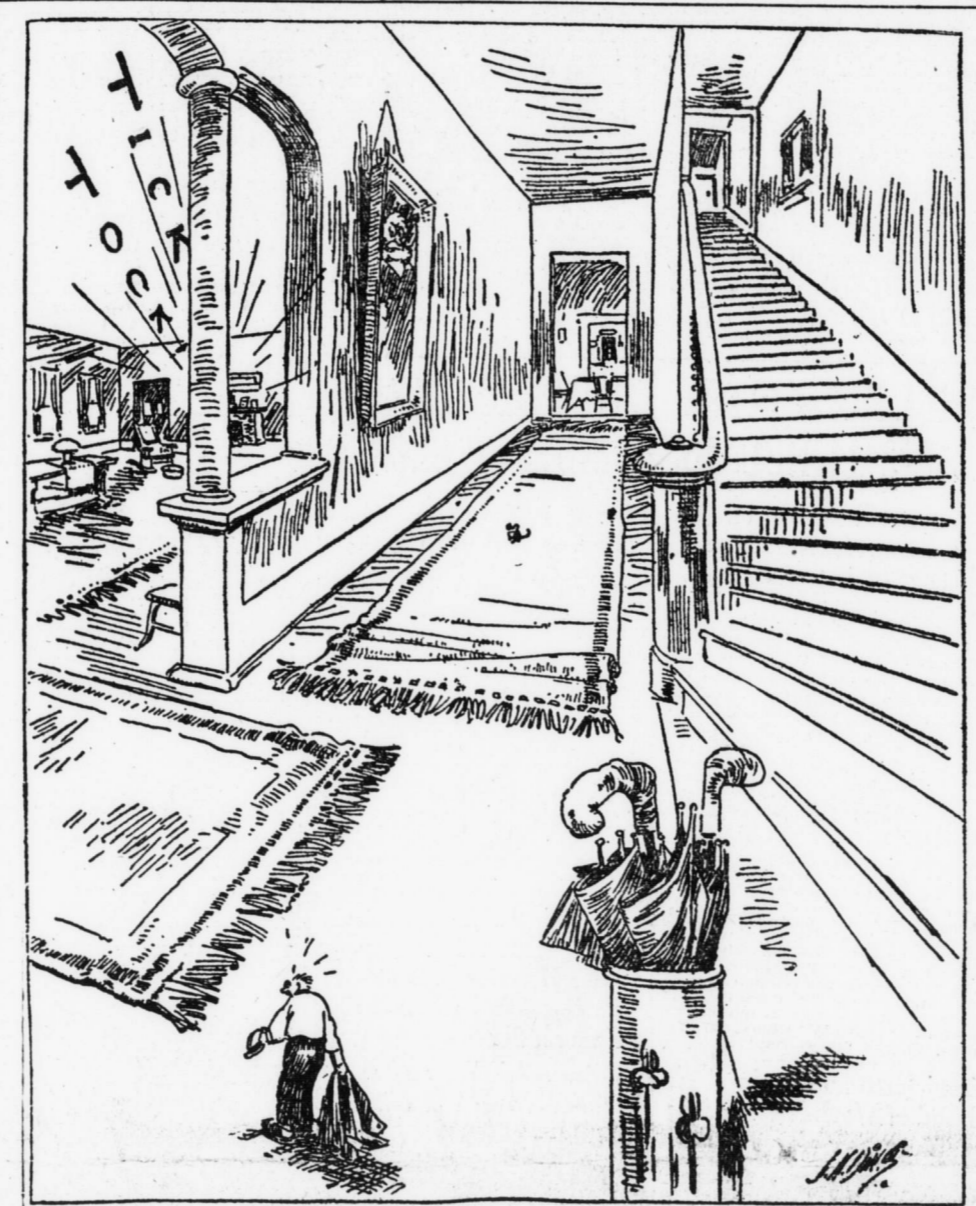
AMERICA TO SIGN PEACE TREATY WITH TURKEY Washington, July 23. — The United States will sign the treaties with Bulgaria and Turkey, it was announced to-day at the State Department. Although the United States never has been actually at war with Bulgaria and Turkey, it will sign the treaties to show its concurrence in the terms imposed upon these allies.

WASHINGTON IS QUIETER Washington—Although there was sporadic firing in some of the negro districts until early this morning the major casualties in last night's clashes between whites and negroes consisted of only one white man killed and another probably fatally wounded. Scores were injured in varying degrees as a result of blows and fists, clubs and stones and the wielding of knives, but in none of these cases were the wounds expected to be fatal.

NAVY FAST BEING DEMOBILIZED Washington — Demobilization of the navy is progressing satisfactorily according to a Navy Department announcement. A total of 316,554 enlisted men have been discharged since the armistice was signed. More than 22,500 reserve officers have been returned to civil life and 7,124 still are on duty. There are still 7,000 enlisted men of the reserve force on duty, most of them aboard transports.

MARRIAGE LICENSES William McK. Yeater and Anna Krentzman, Harrisburg; Lester J. Epp, West Fairview, and Ruth E. Shepley, Enola; John C. Dalley and Anna M. Oberholzer, Harrisburg.

How Your Six-Room Cottage Looks After Seeing Your Wife and Children Off For a Two Months' Vacation



READY TO TURN ITALIAN PARK OVER TO CITY

Executors of McKee-Graham Estate Confer With Planning Commission

Executors of the McKee-Graham estate this afternoon discussed with the City Planning Commission and Mayor Keister, Commissioner E. Z. Gross and City Engineer M. B. Cowden the offer to give the city with-out cost the Italian Park tract just west of the site which has been sold to the city school district.

It is understood the estate will transfer title to the park district provided it is improved by the city within a reasonable time. While the executors said they would not insist upon providing a lake or pool in the new park, they said they preferred that plan of development and wanted the city to determine definitely whether this could be done before the officials gave up the plan.

The representatives of the estate were T. McKee-Graham, Malcolm McGiffin and H. E. Leety, who came to this city from Pittsburgh. During the morning they conferred with the Planning Commission members and were given preliminary information of the situation here by Ed. S. Herman, president of the commission.

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WHEN IS AN EGG FRESH? AYE, THAT'S THE QUESTION

All the State's Men and All the State's Experts to Examine Humpty Dumpty

Chemists of the State Department of Agriculture will gather with Secretary of Agriculture Rasmussen and Director of Foods James Foust tonight to determine the question of "when is an egg a stale egg?"

Under a law recently approved by Governor Sproul it is a misdemeanor to sell a stale as a fresh egg and the chemists to-night are going to try to decide just what constitutes a stale egg. Special Agent Robert Simmers, of Philadelphia, has brought to Harrisburg dozens of eggs of various ages. Some are a week old, others two weeks old, some have been in cold storage for a month, and others have been in cold storage for three and six months. Director Foust has gathered a dozen of eggs that have been laid by local hens to-day.

The food experts claim that they can determine by physical appearance the difference between a stale egg and a fresh egg, but they are unable to determine the difference between a stale egg and cold storage eggs. All of the chemists of the department and some of the agents in large cities have been summoned dose various candidates.

U. S. MUST LOWER PRICE OF FOOD TO SELL IT HERE

Committee Awaits Final Decision on Stores Held at New Cumberland

Unless Lieutenant J. R. Boyle will offer a new price list for Government food, that will show greatly reduced prices, the local food committee will positively refuse to consider a purchase. It is not probable there will be a meeting of the committee before Monday. Lieutenant Boyle had not returned up to noon to-day when Captain H. M. Stine, chairman of the subcommittee left the city to be gone several days.

In the meantime there is much gossip throughout the city because of the little headway the committee is making. Some people are under the impression that they will not get a chance to buy Government food at a reduced cost. Regarding this opinion Captain Stine said to-day: "I am not in favor of relieving the Government of food, now in warehouses, at the prices quoted. No other city has made a definite purchase as yet except Altoona, and it is understood that the carload to be sent to that city is not positively contracted for. If we accept the goods at 80 per cent. of the Government price, it will mean prices even higher than present retail prices. Bargains are what the people look for and what they should have."

Other committeemen are of the same opinion and argue that because the Government paid such outlandish prices when they bought the goods, is no reason why the people should come to the rescue and pay even more than is asked at retail. That this opinion prevails in other cities is shown in the announcement that as yet no sales have been made by the Government to municipalities. It is the belief here that the local committee will formulate a bid and ask the Government to sell their goods to Harrisburg at the price offered. The latter will be based on the present cost of canned goods and meats.

SPROUL ORDERS MORE FREQUENT BANK PROBES

Reorganization of Banking Department Means Additional Safety

Reorganization of the State Banking Department so that examinations of financial institutions can be made two or three times or oftener a year, which has been one of the primary policies of the Sproul administration since it took office, has been in progress in a quiet way ever since the approval of the new banking code and as rapidly as competent and experienced men can be secured they will be put on duty as bank examiners. Governor William C. Sproul, who has been in constant touch with Commissioner of Banking John S. Fisher since the affairs

CLONDBURST INUNDATES TOWN AND DESTROYS HOMES

Wellboro, Pa., July 23. — A clondburst, which occurred over this place late last evening, rendered nearly a dozen families homeless, completely destroyed over three miles of the track and roadbed of the New York Central Railroad between here and Wellboro Junction, and washed out several bridges, causing a property loss estimated to-day at \$200,000.

The storm broke shortly after 7 o'clock and within a few minutes the whole town was flooded, streets being from two to three feet under water. Houses were washed from their foundations, barns and outbuildings swept away and trees and telephone poles leveled. Nearly a score of automobiles left standing in the streets were completely demolished.

CLOTHING AND SHOES CERTAIN TO BE HIGHER

Suits Are to Cost Fifteen to Twenty Dollars More Next Winter, Say Tailors

ARE FIG LEAVES COMING? Twenty Per Cent. Added to Price of Shoes, Is the Prospect

Harrisburg will revert to the five-leaf-barefoot mode of living if prices in clothes and footwear as predicted for the winter do not alter.

Take the question of clothes, for example. Local tailors are unanimous in saying that there will be an increase of at least fifteen or twenty dollars a suit this winter. Overcoats will suffer the same treatment. The ready-made clothing dealers are already getting into action for the colder months.

A. L. Sims, merchant tailor, says there is an absolute lack of wool and gives this as one reason for the high cost of suits. The tremendous demand on wool for soldiers' uniforms for so many countries has resulted in the shortage, says Mr. Sims, and we are now getting none from England at all. Cotton also is being put up to a prohibitive mark.

Shoe Problem Serious Joseph D. Ross, another well-known of Harrisburg, likewise predicts a great rise in price for the winter. Mr. Ross says that it is absolutely impossible to sell suits for the prices that existed as late as last winter, and predicts a fairly steep rise.

The shoe question is also going to be a serious one. Fron Franks and Claffins comes the story that shoes are going to approach twenty dollars a pair, and the same condition will prevail throughout the smaller makers. The Harrisburg Shoe Company is going to raise their prices, as will all other shoe companies in this vicinity.

L. V. Fritz, secretary and treasurer of the Harrisburg company said this morning that he expected a retail rise in price of about twenty per cent. At present the price of green hides is 51 cents a pound, and this is before they have gone through any refining processes. Mr. Fritz says this is an unprecedented price. It makes the prediction that there will be a 40 per cent. rise in wholesale prices, and retailers will naturally be forced to put their prices up also. Shoes which formerly sold at six and eight dollars will go up to twelve and fifteen; they stand now at eight and twelve. This is one of the reasons for this condition for some months and says it was unforeseen.

ONE OF FOUR BROTHERS HOME FROM ARMY MISSION

COL. CHARLES M. STEESE

One of four brothers, all of whom were officers in the Army, Colonel Charles M. Steese is visiting his parents at Mount Holly Springs. He has just returned from Army service overseas, where he was given a commission as colonel for his work in France. Colonel J. G. Steese, a brother, was sent to France recently on a special mission from the Secretary of War.

GROSS TO RUN AGAIN FOR PARK COMMISSION PLACE

E. Z. Gross will not be a candidate for mayor, but will run for park commissioner, the office he now holds, on the Republican ticket. Gross is expected to formally announce his withdrawal from the mayoralty race to-day or tomorrow and to take out papers as a candidate for city council.

When this news got about to-day, friends of V. Grant Forrer, assistant park commissioner, said that with Gross in the field for park commissioner, Forrer would not allow his name to be used. Forrer's friends had been urging him to run, but he had not taken out papers.

PRICE OF BREAD IS REDUCED BY LOCAL BAKERS



COL. CHARLES M. STEESE

Size of Loaf to Remain the Same at Cheaper Cost

CENT OFF TO CONSUMER Housewives Took to Baking When Prices Went Up Week Ago

The price of bread in Harrisburg has been reduced. Instead of going up a half-cent a loaf to the retailer, it will be reduced a half-cent a loaf.

The new scale of prices to retailers goes into effect to-morrow, according to announcement of the bakers to-day.

When it was decided to advance certain grades of bread a half-cent a loaf the announcement was made that it was to discourage the use of the small loaf, due to the fact that it required more workmen to make the smaller loaf and that the price of labor had gone up.

Economics Proposed The bakers also announced that they were making the advance in conformity with the bill which the Governor was expected to sign, making the pound loaf a standard in Pennsylvania. The Governor vetoed this bill and this is one of the reasons, the spokesmen for the Harrisburg bakers said to-day, they were able to offer the smaller loaf.

DOG RUN DOWN BY AUTO IS NURSED BACK TO HEALTH

The owner of a fine white setter dog can have the same by applying to Frank Stewart, 1512 North Fourth street.

The dog was run over by an automobile near Stewart's home last week and Stewart, who is a lover of dogs, took the injured animal to his residence and nursed it back to health. The animal is well bred, white with black ears.

WOULD UTILIZE NAVY WIRELESS

Washington—Secretary Daniels in asking Congress to enact legislation permitting the Navy Department to continue handling commercial radio messages declared that "an intolerable situation in the business world" was threatened because of the inadequacy of other international communication systems.

TOWN'S CENTER DESTROYED

Beantown, Pa.—The center of the business section of this city was wiped out by fire early to-day. The blaze, of undetermined origin, destroyed seven buildings and damaged a dozen others. The damage is estimated at \$150,000.

TROOPS SENT TO COAL MINES

London—Troops were moved to-day into the Yorkshire area affected by the coal strike. Sir Eric Geddes, the government's representative, explained that the move was for the protection of the navy men engaged in keeping the mine pumps in operation.

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