

BIG AUDITORIUM WILL COST HALF MILLION DOLLARS

Nobles of Mystic Shrine Lead in Important Undertaking TO ACCOMMODATE 3,500

Gymnasium and Swimming Pool Planned For Proposed New Temple

Many big things of immense beauty to Harrisburg are in course of incubation and the time of fruition with regard to some of them is near at hand. One of these is a great auditorium which will accommodate the big gatherings certain to be attracted to Harrisburg through its unrivaled railroad facilities and the city's many interesting features. Since the opening of the Penn-Harris Hotel, approximately a convention room and facilities for this city and scores of organizations, secret and business, are going to visit Harrisburg during the year. So it is going to be necessary to provide ample room and facilities for the increasing number of conventions, concerts and ceremonial events. And about the big auditorium we are permitted to speak to-day.

It is being sponsored by Zumbo Temple, the Harrisburg organization of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Colonel Charles E. Zumbo, president of the illustrious Potentate of Zumbo and through his energy and enthusiastic interest the preliminary steps have been taken looking to construction of the great auditorium which he has pictured in his mind's eye as necessary for Harrisburg and the fraternity of which he is head. It isn't a new thought with this big Masonic fraternity; it has been developing for two or three years and is now coming to a climax.

Study Other Plans

Colonel Covert is now entertaining a large number of his friends on the Isle of Que, near Sellingsgrove, in his annual camp, and prominent members of Zumbo Temple are among the guests. He has given much study to the auditorium proposition and official notice has gone forth to the membership this week for an important conference on the subject Wednesday, July 30, at Chestnut street hall. At this meeting there will be presented the report of a special committee which was sent to Pittsburgh recently to make a study of the Pittsburgh report and report to Zumbo Temple the result of their findings and whatever recommendations they chose to make. Next Wednesday evening this interesting report will be submitted and thoroughly discussed and to that end Colonel Covert is making a special effort to have an unusually large attendance of the Shriner's. This investigating committee was composed of Andrew S. Patterson, H. A. Rutherford and Warwick M. Ogelsby, and their report gives in interesting detail what has learned in the inspection of the great Pittsburgh auditorium, which has a seating capacity of 3,800, a banquet room which will accommodate 1,800, modern kitchen equipment and seating rooms, smoking rooms and other necessary facilities for entertaining large bodies.

The mosque at Pittsburgh, including land and building, cost approximately \$150,000.

Financed in such a way as not to be a burdensome undertaking. Most of the investment was made through the members of the committee with the aid of financial institutions.

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Jail Quiet and Lonely as Boozeless Days Keep Down Number of Inmates

War-time prohibition has brought a sharp decline in the number of persons sent to the Dauphin county jail for confinement on disorderly practice charges.

John J. Hargest, warden of the prison, is authority for the statement. The decline already approximates 50 per cent. Mr. Hargest says, and with a strict enforcement of the law, he is inclined to believe that the percentage of decline will slump even more.

To-day there are but five persons confined in the prison on disorderly practice charges.

The percentage of decline in number of persons who have been sentenced as a result of having drunk too much liquor, will be in excess of the 50 per cent, figure, it is believed.

While many of the disorderly practice cases result from the absorption of liquor by the guilty person of too much liquid refreshment, some cases result from other causes. The percentage fences continues about the same as before the ban was put on the sale of the whiskies and keeping the percentage at the figure at which it now stands.

CONTROLLER GOUGH SLOWLY RECOVERING

County Controller Henry W. Gough who underwent an operation at Atlantic City recently, is recovering at his home, 1401 South Cameron street. Yesterday he was at his office in the courthouse for a few minutes and he expects to be able to resume his duties in the near future.

Colonel Martin Is Pleased With City's Co-operation

Colonel Edward Martin, the State Commissioner of Health, is much pleased with the interest shown by the citizens of Harrisburg through their civic organizations and volunteer workers in his constructive and helpful campaign for the health and sanitation in this city.

Having been proffered the support of the Telegraph in this great movement for making Harrisburg an ideal community from the health conservation standpoint, he sends this appreciative note:

"Thanks for your note, bringing with it a stimulating word of cheer. I think Harrisburg and the Health Department are both getting a lot from our close association."

And Only a Year Ago He Swore He Would be the Happiest Man in the World With Her



CROATS REBEL AND PROCLAIM NEW REPUBLIC

Troops Leave Their Units and Seek to Set Up Government Independent of Serbia

Paris, July 25.—Dispatches from Agram and Gratz report a serious military revolt in Croatia. The revolt is taking the form of a movement for separation from Serbia and the formation of a republic.

Troops are leaving their units, officers and subalterns are tearing off their insignia and the army is in a state of dissolution, the advices say.

The railroads and telegraphs tied up from garrisoning southward. The Serbians are trying to suppress the revolution by the use of troops, both Serbian and Croatian.

The Agram advices do not record any disorder in that city, the Croatian capital. They state, however, that the independent Croatian republic, according to information reaching Agram has been proclaimed by soldiers in several of the Croatian towns.

Proclaim Republic

Paris, July 25.—(Havas)—The Croatian troops have proclaimed an independent Croatian republic, according to a dispatch from Agram, the capital. At several points the Croats are fraternizing with Hungarian soldiers.

Gratz, Styria, July 25, via Basle.

Violent combats occurred Tuesday evening at Marburg, 36 miles south-east of Gratz, where a large part of the garrison revolted as a result of dissatisfaction over demobilization. Thirty persons were killed and many wounded.

The movement started at a Socialist meeting where speakers advocated the formation of a republic of Jugoslavia. Slovenian and Croatian soldiers, who were present in considerable numbers, cried: "Let us separate from Serbia!"

DANGER OF SUGAR FAMINE IN CITY IS SAFELY PASSED

Housewives Assured of Supply For Canning and Preserving

The danger of a sugar famine in Harrisburg is not imminent.

This is the substance of a statement made by Carl K. Deen, of the Witman-Schwartz Corporation, made to-day.

While reports from some sections of the country are to the effect that housewives are finding themselves unable to secure a satisfactory amount of sugar for canning purposes, Mr. Deen said that there does not now appear to be any great danger of a local shortage.

The market has eased up considerably since last week and the local firms have been receiving fair sized shipments since then and carload lots are arriving almost daily. Most of them are now believed to have a good supply on hand. Deen said that the warehouse of his organization now is filled to a pleasing extent; that there are two carloads of sugar on sidings waiting to be unloaded and that practically each morning he is now receiving night letters telling of additional carload shipments.

Conditions this year in Harrisburg have been practically the same as in normal times, even before the war. Yearly, Mr. Deen says, the supply here has run short at periods during the summer months. The supply had gotten low and it was difficult to purchase sugar last week, he added. The Harrisburg market is now well supplied and whether any other later shortage will develop will depend upon the production of raw materials, according to his statements.

These reports would indicate that there will be no difficulty for housewives to secure sufficient sugar to can all the fruits that they may wish. This, however, is different from the situation prevailing in other sections of the country, according to press reports.

A Washington dispatch says that "millions of dollars' worth of fruit is going to waste, rotting because there is no available supply of sugar for preserving purposes anywhere on the market."

AERIAL MAIL PILOTS' STRIKE IS UNDER WAY

The Aviators Refuse to Take Planes Out Until the Government Reinstates Two Flights

New York, July 25.—A strike of aerial mail pilots began to-day, no aviator appearing to take out the plane with Chicago mail, due to start for Bellefonte, Pa., at 5 A. M.

The strike, the first of its kind in the country, follows the refusal of the Post Office Department to reinstate two pilots discharged for refusing to take out planes Tuesday on account of the loss of Post Office officials at Belmont Park, Long Island, the landing field for mail planes, stated that they had received instructions not to discuss the situation.

Protest Against Equipment

A protest against the discharge of the two pilots, Leon Smith and William C. Wilson, was sent to Second Assistant Postmaster General Praeger on Wednesday, giving him twenty-four hours to make known his decision. Mr. Praeger in his reply, which was received by the aviators.

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Owners of Six Lots Will Be Prosecuted

Prosecutions are to be brought late to-day against at least six owners of vacant lots who ignored the warning from the City Health Bureau to have weeds cut and removed. Dr. J. M. P. Raunick, health officer, said:

"Owners of these lots have been warned that they must have the weeds cut. They did not comply with the request and have violated city health regulations. The names are to be given to an alderman late to-day and warrants will be issued at once."

BULGARS DELAYED

Paris, July 25.—The arrival of the Bulgarian peace delegation in Paris will take place a day later than was expected. The delegation, which was to have reached Paris to-day, but stopped over at Lausanne, Switzerland, will reach here to-morrow morning.

GERMANS MAY GET LOAN

By Associated Press.

Berlin, July 25.—Negotiations of the Deutsche Bank with New York financial institutions for a large loan of unannounced proportions, are proceeding favorably, according to information in official quarters.

TO REDUCE ARMY

By Associated Press.

Paris, July 25.—During the recess of Parliament coming, it is said, Premier Clemenceau and Marshal Foch will draft a bill for curtailment of military staff.

PAXTANG WANTS TO BE ANNEXED TO HARRISBURG

Overwhelming Vote at Fall Elections if Movement Is Encouraged by City NOW BUILT UP SOLIDLY Hard to Tell Where the City Stops and Borough Begins

Paxtang wants to become a part of the city of Harrisburg.

The people of that thriving suburb have been discussing annexation for some time and the movement has reached such a stage where if there is any encouragement from the city side efforts will be made to have the matter voted upon at the fall elections. There seems little doubt that it would have an overwhelming vote in its favor.

Paxtang people point out that the borough is in first class shape financially and would not become a burden on the city in any way, as has been the case in some other instances of annexation. They also say that there is no longer any dividing between the city proper and the borough. One town merges into the other without a break in the building lines and not even many residents know just where one ends and the other begins. A committee, named on motion of Dr. C. E. L. Keen, who has made a study of the situation, has been appointed by the Paxtang School Board to secure land, before it is too late, for the erection of a school when the borough comes into the city, but aside from that the borough is going ahead with a new \$50,000 building of its own.

The time is also here when the eastern end of the city must have additional sewers and Paxtang also is considering the creation of a sewer system. It does not want to do anything, however, that would not be in conformity with what the city intends to do and believes that now is the time to come into Harrisburg in order that the developments may be harmonious.

Peace Pact to Be Set Aside to Allow Consideration of Treaty With Colombia

By Associated Press.

Washington, July 25.—Under present plans of Republican leaders, the Peace Treaty will be set aside temporarily for consideration of the treaty with Colombia, proposing payment of the latter of \$25,000,000 for damages arising from American acquisition of the Panama Canal.

Chairman Lodge of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said to-day the Colombian Treaty will be taken up by the committee next week.

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Siberian Expedition as Long as Is Necessary, Wilson Tells Senate

By Associated Press.

Washington, July 25.—President Wilson advised the Senate that the American military expedition in Siberia was there primarily to protect and maintain operation of the Siberian railroad and indicated that the expedition would remain as long as such protection was necessary.

Another purpose of the expedition as outlined by the President was to give relief to the Russian people in Siberia by supplying food, clothing and other supplies. Mr. Wilson said there was no intention of interfering with Russian sovereignty.

Much Damage Done to Crops of County

Damage to crops as a result of the recent rains, will run into the thousands in Dauphin county, according to estimates made by County Farm Agent H. G. Niesley. Wheat, oats and rye crops especially have suffered as a result of the abnormally wet weather.

Fifty per cent of the oats crop in this county this year. Potatoes, too, may suffer considerable damage.

Probably one-third of the wheat crop, still in the field, is believed to have been destroyed and with 35 per cent of the wheat in the field, the loss in this respect will represent a considerable figure, according to Mr. Niesley.

Vienna, Thursday, July 24.—The new terms of the Austrian Peace Treaty are making no special impression on the public. The newspapers, however, remark that the world is still attempting to treat Austria as a great state, instead of one which has lost five-sixths of her territory and been reduced from a great empire of 66,000,000 to 6,000,000 who are facing a winter in which hundreds of thousands are sure to die of famine or cold.

UPPER DAUPHIN IS PAYING TRIBUTE TO VETERAN SOLDIERS

Men Who Served Colors During War Are Guests of Honor at Big Celebration In Lykens, Wiconisco and Dauphin

Lykens, July 25.—The Lykens Valley, with the energy that has always been characteristic of its residents, today opened its big three-day festival in honor of the several hundred men and women sent out from the district for service with the American forces against Hun. Most of the events are being scheduled in Lykens borough.

A big three-day holiday has been declared by the entire district and to-day the celebration proper in honor of the brave men of the district who went forth to fight for the sake of humanity has gotten under way. The Wiconisco carnival, last evening attended by hundreds of people from the district, served as a prelude of what is to be presented, but the real celebration did not start until this morning.

The entire borough of Lykens, the scene of most of the activities, Wiconisco and the small outlying settlements have taken on a festive appearance and to-day are resplendent in their gala attire. National colors form a large part of the decorative schemes in the several sections of the district. In Lykens borough, arches, crosses and pillars have all been gotten in place for the big event.

Many at Carnival

The Wiconisco carnival last evening served to furnish plenty of entertainment for the advance guard of the throngs that are gathering from many districts outside of the Lykens Valley to-day. The affair was highly pleasing and successful, the members of the committee reported to-day.

Dancing along the sidewalks of the borough served to draw many hundreds of people for amusement. The band concert was highly enjoyed and the presentation of the dance numbers were highly applauded. The character of the event and the large attendance augur well for the future numbers on the big three-day festival organized by the live wire committeemen.

This morning's numbers were arranged with the interests of the many soldiers in attendance at heart. Large attendance was expected at a military mass held in St. Mary's Catholic Church at 8:15 o'clock. This was arranged exclusively for the returned soldiers. Those brave men who went to camp and cantonment and many of them ultimately to France, never to return, were honored later in the morning at a memorial meeting held in the Lykens grove. This part of the program was started at 10 o'clock.

Big preparations had been made for the evening and were completed for this afternoon. Community singing in the grove from 2 to 2:30, it is planned, will serve to enliven the events and get the people in fine fettle for the remaining part of the program.

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DAUPHIN WILL PAY HOMAGE TO HER VETERANS

Nearly a Hundred Soldiers in Parade; Salvation 'Nells' to Distribute Delicacies

ALL RIGHT! LET'S GO!!

Lykens, July 25.—The eve of Dauphin's great patriotic celebration in honor of World War sons and daughters, finds everything in readiness for the big event. Nearly a hundred men and women who saw service on the other side or at home in the war will be in the line of march. Hundreds of relatives and



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BRITISH COAL STRIKE SETTLED

London.—The strike of approximately a million of the coal miners, that has troubled the British industries, was settled to-day.

RYAN NOMINATED FOR CUSTOMS COLLECTOR

Washington.—William F. Ryan, of Baltimore, was nominated by President Wilson for collector of the Thirteenth district (Baltimore).

PREMIER TALKS ON TRADE POLICY

London.—It is impossible at present to give legislative effect to the government's trade policy, Premier Lloyd George said to-day. He suggested that the trade restrictions expiring in September should therefore be extended.

FAVORABLE REPORT ON CREDIT BILL

Washington.—Favorable report was made to-day by Chairman Leonard of the Senate Banking Committee on the bill by Senator Edge, New Jersey, providing for the organization of American corporations to extend credit to and finance American trade in foreign countries.

DENY RUMORS OF MUTINY

Paris.—Rumors of mutiny and other troubles in Jugoslavija were denied officially at Laibach (in Jugoslavija) according to a dispatch received to-day from Laibach via Vienna and Basle. The dispatch said that it was stated officially that order and tranquility prevail throughout the country.

ELECTED COAL DEALERS' DIRECTORS

Reading.—Frank J. Wallis, of Harrisburg, has been elected a director of the Retail Coal Dealers' Association.

Washington.—In a statement to-day Otto Praeger, second assistant postmaster general in charge of the air mail service, deputed specifically that mail planes used are unsafe or that the department forced pilots to take their regardless of weather conditions.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Leroy S. Hite and Helen V. Shoop, Marysville; John D. Hensch, Norfolk, and Nora C. Gross, Harrisburg.

FRENCH TREATY TO BE HELD UNTIL AFTER HIS TOUR

Wilson Will Not Present Defensive Pact to Senate Before Return From Trip EXPLANATORY ADDRESS President to Tell Senate of Reasons For Holding Up Ratification

By Associated Press.

Washington, July 25.—President Wilson does not now plan to present the defensive Treaty with France to the Senate until after he returns from his tour of the country. This statement was made to-day at the White House.

When the President presents the Treaty he will accompany it with the explanatory address to the Senate.

No statement was made at the White House with regard to charges in the Senate yesterday that the President had violated a section of the treaty by not presenting it simultaneously with the Treaty of Versailles.

To Start West August 10

There seemed to be some doubt at the White House to-day whether all Republican Senators would be invited to confer with the President. No further appointments had been made to-day and so far as could be learned, Senator Warren, of Wyoming, and one or two other Senators were all that the President planned to see in the immediate future.

The President was in his study early to-day and among the many matters before him was the preparation of information and documents relating to the peace negotiations requested by the Senate. A vast number of papers have to be separated from the President's personal documents and this work was expected to consume much time.

Indications to-day were that the President would start on his westward trip about August 10, although it was made clear this was tentative, depending on developments.

THE WEATHER

Harrisburg and vicinity. Fair to-night and probably Saturday. Hot and much change in temperature.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and probably Saturday. Gentle variable winds.

River: The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will fall slowly. A stage of about 4.0 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Saturday morning.