

SAFETY WORK IS TO BE REVISED

First of a Big Series of Meetings Will Be Held in Harrisburg During Week

The State Industrial Board has summoned representative safety engineers of industrial establishments of Pennsylvania for a conference with the Commissioner of Labor and Industry C. B. Connelly regarding safety movements and as a preliminary to a series of meetings of committees charged with the duty of revising the safety standards for the State. This conference will be held Tuesday at the headquarters of the board and on Thursday there will be meetings at Philadelphia of committees which will study for revision the present safety standards on power transmission, standard railings, etc., and the following day meetings will be held at Pittsburgh by the committee on machine tool safety.

The following week the Industrial Board is to meet in this city on Tuesday and safety work will be the chief theme. James C. Cronin, chairman of the approvals committee, will submit a report. Other meetings of safety committees will be held on December 10, Harrisburg stationary engines; December 12, Philadelphia, ladders; December

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16, Philadelphia, elevators; December 17, Pittsburgh, scaffolding. Dr. George H. Ashley, the State Geologist, who has just returned from a visit of inspection to the new gas fields in Western Pennsylvania, today declared that if "half the gas wells now projected in the McKeesport gas district are drilled the immediate field will do well to last two years as a large supply of gas." He made this statement in a report to Secretary of Internal Affairs James F. Woodward. He said that "a few wells judiciously placed and supplemented from time to time in the McKeesport district might supply that city's industries for half a century to come. The site of the gas supply just struck resembles old days in the oil and gas field and there is much activity in sales.

Silas S. Hall, of Bentleyville, has been appointed a State mine inspector for that section of Washington county. He succeeds R. J. Wath, resigned. Two big State road building contracts have been awarded to Philadelphia concerns. The Benjamin Company was awarded 20,932 feet of concrete roadway 18 feet wide between Morrisville and Tullytown, Bucks county, at \$144,085.50, and the Philadelphia Paving Company, 27,633 feet of State-aid road bituminous mixture construction between Yellow House and Douglassville, Berks county, at \$423,775. T. M. Gill Company, of Binghamton, N. Y., was awarded 19,215 feet of reinforced concrete roadway in Wysox and Rome townships, Bradford county, at \$150,548.80, and M. Love & Son, Corry, 7,900 feet near Northeast, Erie county, at \$72,523.80.

Ex-Senator M. K. Henninger, new elect of Lehigh, was here yesterday.

Philadelphia jitney owners are commencing to rush for State certificates. Over 60 will be given hearings in Philadelphia on December 19.

The Mount Holly Springs Electric Company complaint will be heard by the Public Service Commission on Wednesday. The Public Service Commission has dismissed complaints against the new fare of the Lehigh Valley Transit Company by the boroughs of Catasauqua, Emaus and North Catasauqua, and Whitehall Township and residents of Lehigh county with two orders for the sale of round-trip tickets at reduced rates between certain points in Allentown and Emaus and in Hokendauqua and Catasauqua. The Commission found that the increased rates would not produce revenue in excess of proper charges and refused to change the fares, except in one instance where a change was made to meet a peculiar local condition. The right to withdraw rates for round-trip tickets between several points was granted.

The first of the farmers' institutes arranged upon the new plan of the State Department of Agriculture will be held next week in Cumberland, Greene and Susquehanna counties. At each of these meetings there will be State lecturers qualified to speak upon the specialized line of farming, stock raising or other activity in the county and it is planned to make the institutes a clearing house for information and questions.

The Public Service Commission will have the largest calendar in months for next week. Monday argument will be heard in over 50 complaints against the Pittsburgh Railways Company and hearings will be held here on three remaining days of the week. Thursday 40 electric companies to operate in Clarion and other western counties will ask charters. Thursday and Friday hearings will be held in Philadelphia in complaints against the Philadelphia Suburban Gas and Electric and Eastern Pennsylvania Railways and Lehigh Valley Light and Power companies. Executive sessions will be held Tuesday.

The day of the \$11,000,000 building and loan association is here. A number of such associations have been chartered for \$10,000,000 authorized capital, but the first to be incorporated for a larger sum has just been recorded. Seven building and loan associations chartered the last few days, all for Philadelphia, represent an aggregate capital of \$21,000,000. Last week the capital represented by associations chartered was over \$15,000,000.

Auditor General Snyder was wired congratulations on the record of collections by his department today. Harry S. McDevitt, secretary to the Governor, is at Hot Springs, Va.

Rehabilitation Is to Be Argued

Organization of the new Bureau of Rehabilitation of the State Department of Labor and Industry is to be effected by the end of the year, now that the Attorney General has informed Commissioner C. B. Connelly that the provisions of the law creating the rehabilitation system will extend to persons hurt in industrial accidents occurring prior to the enactment of the law.

This decision, in the language of the Commissioner, "clears the way for complete investigation by the bureau of injured industrial workers throughout the State. As soon as the procedure for operation of the bureau is established in the Capitol permanent offices will be located at various points which experience has shown have numerous accidents. In addition to the reports of accidents sent to the Workmen's Compensation Bureau, the new office will have the information on all hospital reports and will also have co-operation of relief and civic associations. By use of existing systems of reports it will be possible not only to avoid duplication, but also to keep almost daily track of cases and to organize such hospital or educational assistance as will enable injured persons to earn a living which the employment agencies of the Labor and Industry Department will endeavor to supply. The Rehabilitation Bureau is headed by S. S. Riddle, who is engaged in completing his survey of the accidents for 1919.

Urges Prohibition Law For Philippines

Manila, Nov. 29.—Governor General Francis Burton Harrison has urged the Philippine Legislature to enact a prohibition law to conform to the constitutional amendment adopted in the United States, which some assert does not apply in the islands. Seeking to solve the archipelago's transportation and communication problem, Governor Harrison asked appropriations for development of Granting of equal suffrage to women also was recommended, aviation on a commercial basis.

BALFOUR DECLINED PEERAGE, IS REPORT

London, Nov. 29.—When Arthur J. Balfour was recently made Lord President of the Council after giving up his post as Minister of Foreign Affairs, he was offered a peerage which he declined, according to published reports. It is stated that Mr. Balfour desires to remain a member of the House of Commons so long as his political career lasts.

CONFERENCE IN MESSIAH CHURCH

Out-of-Town Workers to Attend Sessions Opening on Tuesday

Plans are nearing completion for the Older Boys and Girls' Conference to be held at the Messiah Church, Harrisburg, on Tuesday and Wednesday. The conference is being held at the Messiah Lutheran Church, Preston G. Orwig, of the State Sabbath School Association, and Miss Reba Fixter, of the Philadelphia Young People's Division, will lead the girls' and boys' departments of the conference, respectively, centering in the theme, "The Call of the New Age," to young people of the Sabbath Schools.

Young people from high school and various denominations will make short talks in the "Organized Class Demonstration." Only registered delegates can attend the morning and afternoon sessions and banquet. The evening meeting, at 7.30, is open. The program, in part, follows: Morning Session, W. Ray Chapman, Grace Church; morning thought, "The Motive of Service," the Rev. H. W. A. Hanson, Messiah Church; organizing conference; organized class demonstration, organizing classes; vitalizing organized class, boys' section, Preston G. Orwig; girls' section, Miss Reba Fixter. Afternoon Session, W. Ray Chapman, "The Responsibility for Service," the Rev. Alfred N. Sayres; organized class demonstration classes in session and at work, showing (a) mental activities, "Jesus Increased in Wisdom," boys' section, Robert Leiby; girls' section, Sara Farmer; (b) physical activities, "Jesus Increased in Stature," boys' section, Charles F. Lingie; girls' section, Catherine Frederick; (c) religious activities, "Jesus Increased in Favor With God," boys' section, Glenn Boyles; girls' section, Harriet Stoner; (d) social activities, "Jesus Increased in Favor With Man," boys' section, W. Henry Palm; girls' section, Esther Stence; superintendents' talks, Mr. Orwig; girls, Miss Fixter. Evening Mass Meeting, 7.45.—Song service; presentation trophy shield to district with largest percentage of schools represented by registered delegates; short talk, "Forward," Miss Fixter and Mr. Orwig. A banquet will be held at 8 o'clock.

Husky Officers to Help Break "Silence" Strike of 68 Radicals

New York, Nov. 29.—Nine husky deputy United States marshals were provided for Commissioner UH yesterday so that he could break the "silence" strike of 68 radicals at the island now awaiting deportation proceedings. The usual guards at the island are inadequate and not strong enough, he has told the House committee. The deputies will use force to bring the radicals before immigration inspectors for deportation proceedings which they have refused to attend because relatives are not permitted to see them except with an iron barrier intervening. The "silence strikers" have been on hunger strike for removal of the barrier for four days, having last answered the call to the dining room last Monday night. One hunger striker collapsed yesterday and was removed to the island hospital.

MAYFLOWER HALL TO BE MEMORIAL

Billericay, England, Nov. 29.—A fund is being raised here to erect a Mayflower Hall to the memory of three local men and one woman who sailed to America in the Mayflower in 1620.

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American Diplomacy Too Hasty, Is Opinion of Mexican Papers

Mexico City, Nov. 29.—That American diplomacy has acted hastily and without complete knowledge of the

facts is the consensus of the editorial opinion of the newspapers in Mexico City in dealing with the situation existing between the United States and Mexico as a result of the arrest of William O. Jenkins, the American consular agent at Puebla. The Mexican Government's reply to the demand of the United States for the release of Mr. Jenkins is characterized as a prudent and energetic expression of public sentiment. Mr. Jenkins remains in the penitentiary at Puebla. His friends say that he is being treated with every consideration, receiving dozens of visitors daily and conducting his business affairs from an office set up in the prison.

WOMEN TO HAVE CHARGE Marysville, Pa., Nov. 29.—Conducts have been arranged in the Sunday school of the Methodist church. Tomorrow the women have full charge, will teach all the classes and conduct the service throughout. Next Sunday the men will have similar charge.

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