

\$27,000,000 IN ROAD AWARDS

Tremendous Business Authorized by the State Highway Department in 1919

Over \$27,000,000 worth of highway construction contracts have been awarded since the Sproul administration took office and they represent 648.78 miles, the greatest amount ever under contract in Pennsylvania. Bids have been asked for 146 more and including work not let the grand total of the mileage for which Highway Commissioner Lewis S. Sadler has asked bids is 913.87, probably the greatest ever known in any state in a year.

These figures include every kind of contract, primary highway, county highway, in which the State had a part, and State aid. The contracts on the primary system, that is the State main highways, aggregate 512.61 miles let at \$21,514,212.63, three or four times the whole amount let 10 years ago.

The types of construction provided for in the State Highway, State-aid and county contracts awarded during 1919, up to December 1, with the price contracted for each type, were as follows:

Type	Mileage	Contract Price
Reinforced Concrete	482.21	\$16,948,039.85
Bituminous Concrete	102.55	4,282,121.54
Brick	6.75	385,001.25
Sheet Asphalt	56.41	728,245.51
Plain Concrete	1.26	38,546.60

Total 648.78 \$27,000,120.66

The contracts let by various Pennsylvania counties and included in the total given above are for 24.10 miles—reinforced concrete, 13.74 and bituminous surfacing, 4.36 miles—at a contract price of \$956,054.47. The contracts awarded for the primary and secondary highway systems and State-aid on highway routes were for a total of 593.13 miles, at a cost of \$24,665,449.63. This mileage included: Reinforced

concrete, 438.53; bituminous concrete, 103.95; brick, 6.75; sheet asphalt, 57.64; plain concrete, 1.26. On the primary system alone the following contracts were awarded: Type Mileage Contract Price Reinforced Concrete 482.21 \$16,948,039.85 Bituminous Concrete 102.55 4,282,121.54 Brick 6.75 385,001.25 Sheet Asphalt 56.41 728,245.51 Plain Concrete 1.26 38,546.60 Total 648.78 \$27,000,120.66

Suggests Commission to Take Up Question in Miners' Company

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Governor Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois, last night telegraphed Fuel Administrator Garfield at Washington, suggesting immediate appointment of the commission proposed by Dr. Garfield to take up consideration of the miners' wage question in an effort to settle the strike.

Governor Lowden's telegram to Dr. Garfield said: "As I understand it from press reports, at the time you proposed a fourteen per cent increase in the wages of the miners, such increase being based upon the evidence you then had before you, it was also proposed to create a commission which should take up the whole subject of settlement between the miners and the operators. I assume if such commission should and fourteen per cent not sufficient to cover the increased cost of living, the miners' wages would be increased accordingly."

The secretary of labor is reported to have said that thirty-one per cent would be required to cover the increase. Why would it not now be possible and consistent for such a commission to be appointed, to ascertain the exact facts? It might well be that the figure ascertained by the commission would be somewhere between the two figures above quoted. In any event, the public would know what justice required."

President Will Not Withdraw Peace Treaty From the Senate

Washington, Dec. 6.—President Wilson has no intention of withdrawing the peace treaty from the Senate for the present, Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, announced yesterday after his visit to the president. He discussed the treaty question with the President briefly after the conference on the Mexican situation. The President thinks the failure of the Senate to act on the treaty at the special session shifted the responsibility in the matter to "other shoulders" Senator Hitchcock said, adding: "He is just going to let it stay where it is at present."

Sewer Gas Explosion Shatters N. Y. Windows

New York, Dec. 6.—Hundreds of theatergoers were thrown into a panic last night by an explosion of sewer gas in the White Light district which blew the tops off a score of manholes, sending blue flames leaping above the pavement. The explosion occurred as the theaters were opening for evening performance and police reserves had to be summoned to control the frightened crowds. Windows were shattered for blocks and electric lights throughout the region were extinguished. Several persons were severely injured by flying glass and had to be treated at a hospital. The explosion continued for nearly an hour in the district and new blasts would occasionally send several more manhole covers into the air.

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Officials of the State Game Commission say that from reports which have reached the offices in this city from the South Mountain and Juniata valley hunting sections and word from the big central counties that the deer hunting season was "extra good."

In a comparatively small section of Perry county a warden reported 19 bucks killed, while in the Clearfield region there have been many bucks shot. The season will close December 15 and the game wardens have been instructed to obtain reports of the kills, so that estimates on restocking can be made for the coming winter. It is believed the kill this year will run at least 250 ahead of last year, as there are more deer hunters out than ever known before. So many have been reported that State Commission officers believe that the aggregate of hunters' licenses this year will run 50,000 ahead of the total for 1918.

No plans have been made as yet by the State military authorities for organization of units of the naval militia and it is not likely that much will be done until the Navy Department is heard from. The State will give the use of armories to naval units. When the war began there were four units of the naval militia, two in Philadelphia and two in Erie.

The keystone which has been a distinguishing feature of the automobile license tags issued by Pennsylvania ever since it began to regulate motor vehicles will disappear with 1919. The first shipment of tags to start out from the State Highway Department will be shipped next week and will be plain plates without the keystone of the manufacturer's number. The numbers will also be divided on the thousands. First shipments will be of many thousands.

Public Service Commission hearings will be held during the coming week in Harrisburg, Lebanon and Pittsburgh, a long calendar having been prepared for the later city on Thursday and Friday. Philadelphia will have hearings on December 19 when jitney applications will come up. The Commission has listed hearings on the right of a railroad in Lancaster county to discontinue train service without Commission approval for Monday and will hear argument on contested jitney cases from Bucks and Lycoming counties and on alleged excessive toll road fares in Berks county. Executive sessions will be held Tuesday and on Wednesday complaints against Erie railroad crossings in Susquehanna county will come up with the Marysville independent telephone controversy. The Lebanon cases are also listed for Wednesday and involve water complaints. Street railway, natural gas, water and jitney cases are listed for Pittsburgh.

Five districts have been established by the State Department of Agriculture for the mid-winter State fair products show to be held in this city. The State is supervising the proposed show and no entry fee is required. As the State raised the largest crop of corn in its history this year, it is the idea to stimulate production and improvement of quality.

Attendance at the Cumberland county farmers' institutes was very gratifying and it is expected that the Franklin county series will be as good. State officials who visited the meetings said that there was plenty of questioning and that the plan of having men acquainted with the specialties of the neighborhood was a good one. State health officials are watching the development of the diphtheria and smallpox situations with considerable anxiety. Appeals are being made to local health authorities to be on their guard.

Fernando Loudermilk, of Halifax township, formerly steward at the county almshouse, has been named as watchman at the Auditor General's Department.

The Litz Gas Company will next week ask approval of the Public Service Commission for its organization, it being a reorganization of the Litz, Manheim and Ephrata Gas Company.

The Ford and Kendig Company, of Philadelphia, has filed notice of increase of its stock from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

Constitution Board Meets on Tuesday

Prominent men from many counties of Pennsylvania will be here next Tuesday to witness the opening of the State Constitutional Revision Commission's sessions, which will continue throughout the winter and are expected to produce drafts of numerous changes to the organic law of the State for consideration of the next Legislature. While the Commission will have authority to recommend any revisions or omissions that it pleased, the indications are that it will not make any suggestions for wholesale changes and that it will not recommend alteration of the scheme of government, but deal only with such clauses as have been criticized or which are considered as out of date and likely to hamper the future development of the Commonwealth and its municipal divisions.

Opening of the sessions will be a formal affair. Presence of men who sat in the constitutional convention of 1872, State officials, judges, legislators and others interested in public affairs, is expected. There will be no cards of admission and the meetings of the Commission will be open to the public. Its organization and procedure will be determined early in the first day's work. Attorney General William I. Scatter, one of the foremost students of the constitution and an authority upon the history of law, will be the chairman. Pennsylvania's plan of revising its constitution has attracted considerable attention in other states and the deliberations of the Commission will be closely followed.

Will Contest Habeas Corpus For Goldman

Washington, Dec. 6.—The Government will contest habeas corpus proceedings in New York instituted with the purpose of preventing the deportation of Alexander Berkman and Emma Goldman, Anthony Gimirelli, commissioner general of immigration, and is satisfied that it can support its deportation order.

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LEIB IS GUILTY, JURY DECLARES

His Counsel Asks For an Arrest of Judgment; Released on Bail

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—William S. Leib, Schuylkill county commissioner and former resident clerk of the State House of Representatives, was found guilty in Quarter Sessions Court here last night on four counts charging him with forging the names of State clerks on duplicate tax receipts. Counsel for Leib asked for an arrest of judgment and pending further proceedings Leib was released on \$3,000 bail.

The jury was out more than eight hours. Leib was acquitted of a second charge accusing him of delivering

the alleged forged receipts to James D. Evans, vice president of the Evans and Merchant Company, of this city, which concern had sought Leib's assistance in having its State tax levy reduced. Evans testified that Leib delivered the alleged forged receipts to him between January 4 and 7 of this year, and Leib produced many witnesses who swore that the defendant was in Harrisburg attending his legislative duties during that time.

The Evans and Merchant Company had given Leib a check for more than \$5,000 to pay its taxes. He was given the money in October, 1918, and did not pay the taxes into the State Treasury until February of this year, according to testimony brought out at the trial.

When the verdict was rendered counsel asked the court to arrest judgment on the ground that his acquittal on the charge of having delivered the alleged forged tax receipts to Evans and to establish his innocence. Judge Johnson, of Lewisburg, who presided at the trial, disagreed with counsel and refused the arrest of judgment. Counsel then

made the usual motion for a new trial. Leib, by virtue of having been a Republican leader in Schuylkill county for many years and his long service in legislative circles in Harrisburg, is widely known throughout Pennsylvania.

SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZES Dillsburg, Pa., Dec. 6.—The Dillsburg school board has reorganized for the ensuing year as follows: President, James Millard; secretary, J. A. Goudy; treasurer, Chester J. Stauffer. The board is composed of entirely new members.

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