

Ebensburg Is Devastated by a Great Blaze

Entire Business Section and Several Hotels Destroyed Early Yesterday Morning.

LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$300,000.

Johnstown, Pa., Feb. 18—Practically the entire business section of Ebensburg, mountain summer resort and county seat of Cambria county, was wiped out this morning by fire which broke out in the pool room of the Mountain House. Every building in the block from the Mountain House to the county court house was destroyed.

Fire Companies Called

The loss is estimated at between \$250,000 and \$300,000. The courthouse was not damaged, although the buildings adjoining were destroyed. Fire companies from many northern Cambria towns were summoned to assist the Ebensburg company. The Johnstown city fire department also went to the scene.

Fine Buildings Burned.

The buildings destroyed include the fine buildings of the Cambria Title Savings and Trust company, several hotels, a livery stable, bank buildings and a number of small office buildings. All telephone communication has been cut off. The buildings destroyed were 13 in number.

A cigarette dropped in the pool room last night is believed to be the cause of the fire.

Colver Man Is Found

Dead in a Coal Mine.

Colver, Feb. 18—Jacob Oversby, aged forty-five, was found dead in one of the mines of the Ebensburg Coal Company Saturday. It is believed that death was due to heart disease.

Oversby was working in the mines. Workmen say they had seen him about 10 minutes before he was found dead. No one saw him fall. An investigation is being made. The remains were removed to Johnstown for burial.

MAN WITHOUT COUNTRY MUST LIVE ON SHIP.

Boston, Feb. 18—Frederick A. Taylor, who has been held at the immigration station since he was sent here from England as an alien spy suspect four months ago, was deported today after an investigation of his claim of American citizenship. He was put aboard the steamer Pretoria for Glasgow to be guarded by the ship's officers until the English authorities act further on case.

Officers of the Pretoria expressed a doubt whether Taylor would be permitted to land in England again and feared that they might be forced to keep him on board as a man of no country.

Brumbaugh Heads State College.

Harrisburg, Feb. 18—Governor Brumbaugh today was elected the president of the State College and University Council. Dr. John H. Harris of Lewisburg, was elected vice president, and Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, superintendent of public instruction, secretary.

Mail Man Again Under Knife

George Duncan, of Wayne avenue, a well known mail carrier was operated on again Tuesday morning for rupture. Mr. Duncan was operated upon for appendicitis last month at the Indiana hospital. It is reported by his relatives that he is getting along nicely.

Joy Riders of This Place Arrested in Johnstown

Paul Widdowson and John McAdoo, of this place, who were arrested in Johnstown Saturday as the result of an early morning joy ride in which the automobile of C. H. Moore was considerably damaged. Monday they settled the trouble by paying the costs and damages. Widdowson forced an entrance to the Arrow Motor company's garage Saturday morning, secured Mr. Moore's car and was speeding along Oakland avenue when the machine got beyond his control and hit the curbing. Two wheels were torn off and other damage was done. No one was hurt. Widdowson and McAdoo left town on the early morning train, but were arrested in Johnstown later in the day by County Detective Josiah Neal. Widdowson exonerated McAdoo from aiding in securing the machine.

Eleven More Licenses in Clearfield County

Saturday Judge Bell granted 11 licenses in Clearfield county: Edward C. Lynn, Brady; Chas. A. Dietz, DuBois; John Rokosky, DuBois; Joseph C. Williard, Troutville; Joseph Pickering, Clearfield; J. W. Ross, Brady; F. C. Imhof, Houston; Thomas Johnson, Brisbin; Wm. McKenzie, Houtzdale; Charles L. Fowler, Houtzdale; Edward Viebahn, Bigler.

Miss Cogswell to Become a Bride

At a luncheon served by Mrs. Hamlin E. Cogswell at the Cogswell apartments at the Normal school on Monday afternoon the engagement of her daughter, Miss Edna Allan Cogswell, to Mr. Clarence Wendell Otis of Terre Haute, Ind., was announced.

Cambria Steel Employee Meets a Horrible Fate in Franklin Plant

Johnstown, Pa., Feb. 18—Frank D. Shirk, aged 31 years, mill recorder at the Franklin plant of the Cambria Steel Company, was buried under two tons of steel which fell late this afternoon and was instantly killed. He had been absent from his office more than an hour before the accident was discovered, the removal of a few bars bringing to light his clothing. His widow and one child, together with a large number of brothers and sisters, survive.

Jailed on Charge of Arson

Harvey O'Hara, a well known resident of Montgomery township, is in the county jail on the charge of arson. It is alleged that he burned his dwelling near Arcadia last November to secure the insurance. The arrest was made as the result of an investigation made by Deputy State Fire Marshal Seanor, of this place.

WHAT IS GOING ON THIS EVENING.

- Strand.
- The Tip Off.
- Lyric Hall.
- Roller Skating at 7:30.
- Grand.
- Singing and Dancing Pictures.
- Star.
- Magnate of Paradise (Spec.); Treachery in the Clouds.
- Colonial.
- The Ghost of Smiling Jim; featuring F. Ford and Grace Cunard and two other good reels.

Indiana's streets cannot be said to be scrupulously clean at this time. The reason is that it will not be time for our regular annual street cleaning until some time in April.

HYSCOPE IN THE TRENCHES.



Photo by American Press Association. Simple arrangement by which the soldiers can see what is in front without exposing themselves to fire.

Britain Watchful in the "Deat Zone"

Submarine Blockade in Force for 24 Hours Not Marked by Any Untoward Incident -- Traffic Is Not Hindered

London, Feb. 18—No incidents, so far as is known, have yet marked the opening of Germany's submarine blockade of the British Isles, although it has been in force for nearly 24 hours. Nor has the British government thus far announced its promised retaliatory measures.

Precautions, however, are being taken on this side of North sea and although the German government has warned the German people not to expect any sensational developments for some days the regular cross channel passenger services have been somewhat curtailed and altered. Otherwise the sea-borne trade of the country is proceeding much as usual.

The White Star steamship Adriatic, from New York Feb. 10, crossed the Irish sea during the night, but did not resort, as did the Lusitania some days ago, to the use of the American or other neutral flags to evade the German submarines. Other ocean liners and freight steamers are maintaining regular schedules.

Scouting Airships Meet Disaster in Sea.

A fleet of freight steamers left Denmark for England with provisions aboard, and it was to keep track of these, it is believed, that German airships, one of which was destroyed by fire yesterday and another of which was reported wrecked today on the Danish coast, have been so active. In England, Germany's reply to the American note of protest against interference with neutral ships is creating more interest than the threatened blockade, and

there is a great deal of curiosity as to what the United States will say in response.

Even Germany's victory over the Russians in East Prussia and in northern Poland and the claim of the Germans to have taken 64,000 prisoners take second place in these diplomatic questions between the Germans and neutral nations.

ITALY NEEDS VAST SUPPLIES

Washington, Feb. 18—President Wilson was informed in a cablegram received from the American consulate at Milan today that Italy needs 1,000,000 tons of American coal, 300,000 tons of steel, hundreds of thousands of tons of American goods and that "America can get the entire trade permanently."

"Peg government to furnish the cablegram added.

GERMAN MINE SINKS NEUTRAL SHIP AND CREW

London, Feb. 18—The Norwegian steamer Nordcap, according to the Exchange Telegraph Company's Copenhagen correspondent has struck a German mine in the Baltic sea and foundered. All her crew perished. The Nordcap was a steamer of 322 tons and was owned by Wrangell & Company of Haugesund. The crews of one Danish and three Norwegian ships at Aarhus, Denmark, refused today to sail for England and left their ships. The best stores advertise in "The Patriot."

For Aggravated Assault and Battery.

On a charge of aggravated assault and battery, Joe Sabo, of Edri, was brought to the county jail on January 25 and Monday morning his wife died at the Sabo home as the alleged result of the injuries which had been inflicted upon her by her husband. Coroner H. B. Buterbaugh and County Detective Neal went to Edri Monday morning, where the former conducted an inquest, the verdict of "death by heart failure" being returned by the jury. Death was probably due to heart failure, but it is the generally accepted belief that it was the terrible beating administered by the husband that was the real cause of death. The woman had been married but a few months and it is alleged that her husband gave her periodical beatings several times since the wedding day. He was brought to the county jail following his last attack. Sabo is 28 years old and his wife was several years younger.

Youth Discharges Revolver

Blairsville, Feb. 19—Oliver Curtis, a youth well-known in this place, received a nice trip for an indefinite stay at Oakdale Industrial school Tuesday, because a revolver that he was toting was accidentally discharged during a session of the Blairsville school last week. Curtis has been more or less of a hard problem for his parents. The revolver incident was the last straw and they consented to have the boy sent to a school, where his conduct would be a matter of first importance. Fortunately no one was hurt when the revolver was discharged, but considerable excitement was caused for a time.

Robbery at Chambersville.

George Grove, of Chambersville, is out \$80 and the county officials are hunting for two strangers who became the new owners of the money as the result of a robbery late Saturday night. The robbers secured entrance by removing several panes of glass from a window on the first floor and quietly ascended to the second floor and into Mr. Grove's room. At the point of a gun Mr. Grove was made to tell where the money was hidden and the robbers made good their escape.

Taken to Huntingdon.

Larello Tullilo, of Ernest, was taken to the Huntingdon reformatory on Tuesday by Deputy Sheriff H. C. Williams. Tullilo was charged with larceny.

Candidate for Sheriff.

Jay D. Hill, of Oakland avenue, has announced his candidacy for sheriff on the Republican ticket.

Arrested at Ernest.

County Detective Josiah Neal arrested Alik Schrinko, at Ernest last Sunday night, charged with malicious mischief and surety of the peace.

List of Letters

Remaining uncalled for in the Indiana postoffice Feb. 13, 1915: Miss Olive Anderson, Miss Mary Diener, Miss Charlotte Kinter, Mrs. A. T. Morrow, Alex Swiss, Harry B. White. When inquiring for letters in this list please state that they were advertised, giving date. HARRY W. FEE, P. M.

COAL PRODUCTION IN 12th DISTRICT FALLS OFF IN 1914

Number of Accidents in Mines Decreases Considerably.

The annual report of Thomas A. Furniss, mine inspector for the 12th Mituminous District, which includes part of Jefferson, Clearfield, Indiana and Armstrong counties, contains a number of most interesting facts. It shows that during the past year the coal production in this district was more than a million tons less than in 1913.

R. and P. Falls Off.

The R. & P. Coal & Iron Company, the leading producer in the district, was the chief sufferer as the result of the condition of the coal market in 1914. Their production in the 12th district for 1914 was 712,091 tons less than in 1913. The allied company, the Jefferson and Clearfield Coal and Iron Company, increased its production in 1914 by over 26,000 tons. The Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation, with its largest operations at Rossiter, dropped behind its 1913 production by about 63,000 tons.

Cascade Doubles Product

The Cascade Coal and Coke Company doubled its production in 1914, jumping from 211,000 tons in 1913 to 410,000 in 1914.

During the year two new mines were opened in the Twelfth district and none were abandoned.

61 Mines Operating.

There were 61 mines in operation as compared with 58 during 1913, and the tons of coal shipped to market was greater than that of 1913. The coke production was slightly less.

Loss of Life Lessens

The best showing 1914 has to offer is the great reduction in the number of fatalities and accidents. In 1913 there were 16 fatal accidents inside the mines; in 1914 only 10. There were 37 non-fatal accidents in and outside the mines in 1914, and in 1913 there were 34. The production per fatal accident inside in 1913 was 188 in 1914.

Production by Counties.

Jefferson	2,259,991
Indiana	1,864,294
Clearfield	447,727
Armstrong	169,868

Creekside Church's Rapid Growth

The Methodist Episcopal congregation at Creekside has outgrown its church home and they are building a wing, 24x30, to it. The new part is added as an L and will be divided by folding doors and curtains into a room for the Men's bible class and also rooms for two or three other classes. The repairs will cost about \$1,000.

Dairyman May Lose Entire Herd.

Wood Smith, who conducts a dairy near Smith Station, Blacklick township, may lose his entire herd of 15 Jersey cows as the result of the foot and mouth disease, which has appeared among the cattle. The herd is valued at \$2,000. Smith has refused to furnish milk until a representative of the state veterinarian department inspects the herd.

The best stores advertise in "The Patriot."

Young lady desires position as office assistant. Write or apply at this office.