

14 More Days to Christmas. Do Your Shopping Early; Avoid The Late Rush

Judge Telford Opens Last Term Of Court

Civil Court is closed

Monday morning Judge S. J. Telford, President Judge of Indiana county, began his closing term in court after eleven years' service on the bench. His remarks to the constables and grand jurors were highly complimentary and reflected credit upon the officers who have served with him.

The following cases were tried this week:

The jury in the case of J. E. Ruffner vs. A. L. and E. Freed, of Arcadia, returned a verdict of \$68 in favor of the plaintiff. The action was brought by Mr. Ruffner to recover money he alleged was due him for hauling done by him for the Freed brothers.

Following the charge of the Court Thursday afternoon the case of S. S. Hazlett vs. Blair Brothers was given to the jury. The defendants had given a contract to cut ties to a Hillsdale man who in turn hired Mr. Hazlett to assist in the work. Subsequently the contractor fell down on the job and Mr. Hazlett was hired to complete the work. The defendants wanted to pay Mr. Hazlett for the actual time consumed when he started the contract, but Mr. Hazlett argued that he should receive pay from the time the original contract was let. The jury found a verdict for the plaintiff for \$65.74.

In the action brought by Salvador Gualtieri, of Ernest, against the Citizens' National Bank of Indiana, the jury decided in favor of the plaintiff. It was alleged by Mr. Gualtieri that he had made a deposit of \$200 in the said bank and had his bank book to prove the statement. There was no record of the transaction on the bank books and they denied the transaction. The jury found a verdict for the plaintiff for the balance claimed of \$158.60 and assessed the costs, which amounted to over \$100, on the bank.

Sheriff George H. Jeffries took Nick DeCecco to the workhouse to begin the serving of his three-months' sentence on the charge of selling liquor without a license. The officer brought back with him Eugenio Sinkola, of Waterman, who was sentenced to the institution for running a speakeasy at Waterman.

Florence Mine Closed

Down for the Winter

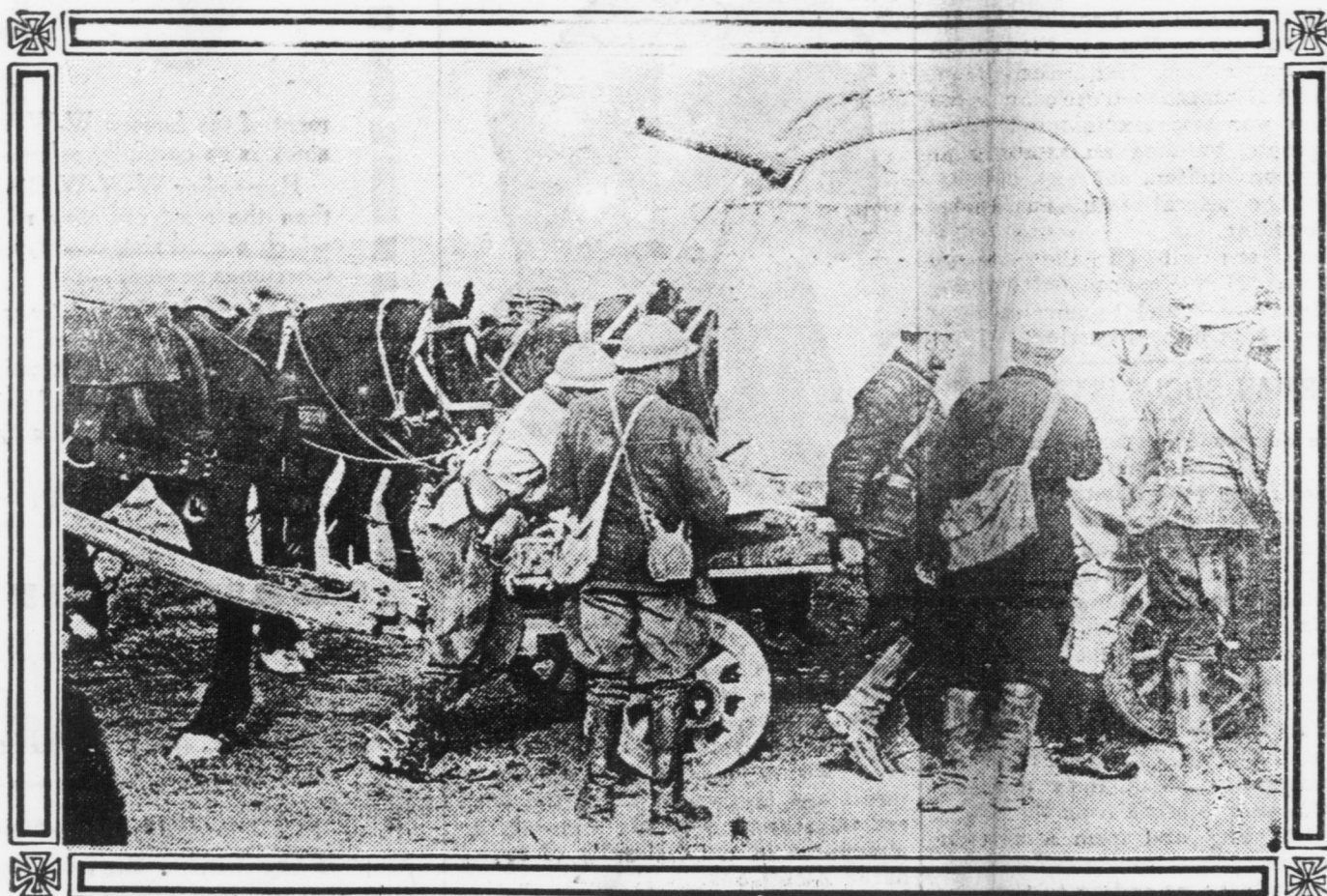
The R. & P. Coal and Iron Co. have closed their mine at Florence above Punxsutawney, and given notice to the 400 men that it will remain closed for the winter; and for the men to remove all their tools and seek employment elsewhere. The action was taken as a result of the strike of the employes of the mine, which strike the company officials maintain is a direct violation of the agreement entered into by the miners.

Blairsville Man Named

As One of a Commission.

Harrisburg, Dec. 9.—The following commission has been appointed by Governor Brumbaugh to select a site for the proposed western state hospital for the insane: Wilbur P. Graff, Blairsville; Francis J. Torrence, Pittsburg; Lanning Harvey, Wilkes-Barre, and Samuel S. Reighard, Altoona.

WANTED—Carpenters. Will pay according to merits. Inquire at this office.



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PORTABLE TURRET.

This is the first picture of a German portable turret which was captured by the French in Champagne. In it were found three gunners who were shut off from the outside. Death or capture is their lot, according to reports, as chance of escape is out of all possibility.

HONOR MEMORY OF DEAD.

Before a large and representative audience Indiana Lodge, No. 931, Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, paid a fitting tribute to its deceased members in the Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, when the annual memorial services were held by the local order. An impressive feature of the memorial ritual conducted by the officers and members was the calling of the roll of the dead. Twenty-five members of the lodge have died since the institution of the local order and as their names were called little girls placed a floral offering of purple and white chrysanthemums—the lodge colors—in a broken wheel, a beautiful memorial to the absent brothers. The late Paul J. Lieb, of town, and Dr. R. F. McHenry, of Heilwood, were the only members of the order that have died during the last year. A fitting tribute to the memory of Mr. Lieb was paid by Hon. M. C. Watson, and the eulogy on the late Dr. McHenry was given by Attorney J. Elder Peeler. The memorial address was delivered by Senator Charles H. Kline, of Pittsburg, a former Indiana boy, who deeply impressed the audience with his exposition of the order that gathers annually to pay honor to its dead and which stands for the noble objects of fidelity, charity and brotherly love. The quartet, composed of Samuel G. Hart, Harry P. Laughlin, John G. St. Clair and W. Pearl Walker, sang two appropriate selections, and other musical features were a vocal solo by Mrs. Clyde Woodward, of town, and a violin solo by Miss Diantha Sims, of the Normal school.

Smathers Store Sold

The Indiana Floral Company has purchased the Smathers' Flower Shop on Philadelphia street. The consideration is not known. It is understood that the latter store will be closed.

No Change in Schedule.

The fall schedule on the Pennsylvania railroad goes into effect on Sunday, December 19. There is no change in the running time of the trains on Indiana branch.

INDIANA MAY BE ON THE MAIN LINE

Indiana may be one of the important stops on a proposed main line railway to be run through here to Pittsburg. Whether this will be one of the terminals or merely a division headquarters, rumor saith not. The rumor, if it may be so called, originated with the inspection trip now under way by the general officials of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg railway, and who spent Wednesday night in Indiana, at the conclusion of an inspection of the Indiana Branch. The party left early on Thursday morning for the north. Although characterized as a regular quarterly inspection jaunt the length of time devoted to the Pittsburg division was considered to give the trip special significance says the Pittsburg Gazette-Times. The most tangible of the rumors is that the B., R. & P. has under consideration a plan to connect its Indiana branch with the Wabash at some point south of Pittsburg. This, of course, would involve the use of the Wabash terminal at Pittsburg.

Where the connection would be made was a matter of conjecture. Iselin, as the point nearest Pittsburg, seemed to be the logical point of contact with a connecting line, although the topography of the countryside between Pittsburg and Indiana might make a direct connection between these two points desirable.

This plan, reports had it, contemplates an independent fight to enter Pittsburg, with a drive to within a few miles of the city as the first move of the road's strategy. The co-operation of other roads would be unnecessary to the success of the scheme. Another reported plan which would involve the joint construction of a connecting link by the B., R. & P. and three other railroads entering Pittsburg, revives a project which was forced into the discard 10 years ago through the combined efforts of the Pennsylvania, the B. & O. and the New York Central.

Officials of competing roads asserted that it is questionable whether the B., R. & P. could obtain sufficient business in Pittsburg to warrant the construction of an independent terminal in the city. This situation, they said, applied to both passenger and freight traffic.

Pennsy to Erect \$1,000,000 Building in Pittsburg.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 8.—The Pennsylvania railroad has decided to erect an office building on Liberty avenue, near the present Union depot, to cost \$1,000,000. The constant demand for additional office space resulted in the decision. Work on the new building will begin in 1916.

Indiana Will Have Toy Mission

The Civics and Child Labor Committee of the New Century Club has decided to institute a toy mission in Indiana. On Friday preceding Christmas toys will be received at some central location (yet to be selected), which will be distributed to poor children who may not otherwise receive Christmas gifts. If you have any surplus toys save them for the "kiddies" who have none.

Arrested in Blacklick.

William Arusko, of Blacklick, was arrested last week, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill. Arusko shot a foreigner with a rifle three weeks ago and since that time the officers had been searching for him. He will be tried at the present term of court.

Boy, Forgotten in Fire, Meets Death.

John Glenn, 10 years old, was burned to death, and his grandmother, Mrs. William Glenn, was burned severely in a fire which destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Glenn, near Martintown, early Sunday. It was reported to the coroner Monday. Mrs. Glenn, asleep on the second floor, was awakened by the crackling of timbers, and found the house in flames. It is said that in her confusion she leaped from a second story window without first arousing the grandfather, and that the grandfather, sleeping on the first floor, was unable to save him.

FOR SALE—Good automobile, 1914 Vulcan Roadster. A-1 running condition. Will demonstrate. Sacrifice, \$250. Need money. Call or write J. M., care "Patriot," 15 Carpenter avenue, Indiana, Pa.

FIRE, RIOT AND SPY SUSPECT IN POWDER CITY

Hopewell, Va., Burns; Martial Law Rules; Many left Homeless

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 9.—Hopewell, the magic city on the James River which sprang up in four months with the coming of the Du Pont de Nemours Powder Company's plant practically destroyed by fire today.

The fire was reported under control late tonight with a loss estimated at \$2,500,000.

Ten thousand families are homeless and are being sent to Petersburg and Richmond by the Du Pont Company.

One negro, caught looting, was hanged to a burning telegraph pole.

ITALY SAYS AUSTRIANS VIOLATE RED CROSS FLAG

Rome, Dec. 9.—That the Austrians have been guilty of violations of the Red Cross flag is officially charged by the Italian government. The following statement was given out Monday:

"At two places on the front there have been violations by the enemy of the Geneva convention. On Nov. 24 in the Plava zone five of our ambulance corps were attacked notwithstanding the fact that they were protected by the Red Cross flag. All of the units were made prisoners. According to a declaration by an Austrian prisoner an Austrian officer issued orders for his men to capture Italian stretcher bearers.

"On Nov. 27 on the lower Isonzo the enemy artillery fired 35 shells against a house occupied by a sanitary squad of the 16th division. The Red Cross flag was plainly visible.

"The chief medical officer, another medical officer and 19 men were injured."

Heirs of Arabic Victim to Demand \$50,000 Indemnity

Washington, Dec. 8.—The heirs of Dr. E. F. Wood, of Wisconsin, one of the Americans lost in the Arabic disaster, will ask Germany to indemnify them for at least \$50,000. The state department and German officials have been awaiting the filing of the first claim for an indication of what might be asked, not only for the victims of the Arabic, but for Americans who lost their lives on the Lusitania.

Allies Can Send 500,000 Men to Balkans in Spring

of 500,000 or more will easily be

Paris, Dec. 9.—An allied army available for operations in the Balkans in the spring, according to Gen. de la Croix, military critic of the Temps, in a review in that newspaper of the military situation in the Balkans.

There are 150,000 troops of the allies at Saloniki and 100,000 British at the Dardanelles could be transferred thence, adds Gen. de la Croix, who adds that unless the British army evacuated the Gallipoli Peninsula the chances are "99 out of 100 that within two or three months they would be thrown into the sea."

WANTED—Slavish or Polish men, well acquainted in Indiana and mine camps. Can make \$25 to \$30 per week. Call 15 Carpenter avenue, Indiana, Pa.

Martial law has been declared and troops have been ordered to the scene from Norfolk, Richmond, Petersburg, Newport News, Portsmouth and Suffolk.

The arrest of an alleged German agent early in the day lent strength to the rumor that the fire was of incendiary origin. The authorities, however, do not believe that the fire was caused by the man under arrest.

DuPont Company officials claimed the man admitted he was a German and that he had blue prints of several of the Hopewell plants in his possession. They also charge that the man was seen to place something in the shipping shed of the company. They thought it was a bomb, but had not been able to locate it up to the time the fire was discovered.

The fire started this afternoon in a restaurant conducted by a foreigner in Paison street. The flames spread to adjoining buildings and with only a volunteer company of firemen to oppose its progress, spread so rapidly that within an hour the whole block in which the fire started was in flames.

The cashier of the Mechanic Bank of Hopewell saved the bank's money and securities and started to Petersburg and was held up by several men who attempted to rob him. Two of them were killed, according to advices from Petersburg by citizens who formed a vigilance committee, pending the arrival of soldiers.

Clymer School Closed.

Several cases of diphtheria have developed in Clymer within the last few days and as a result the high school building was closed on Wednesday morning. The cases are all of a light nature and it is expected that following the fumigation of the building classes may be resumed.

Blue Law Defeated.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 9.—Ex-Mayor Patrick J. Boyle was elected mayor for his sixteenth term over Mayor Robert Burlingame by a majority of 227. The recent enforcement of the Sunday blue law is said to be cause of the present mayor's defeat.

Commercial Hotel Sold

The Commercial Hotel at Creekside, owned by Mrs. Zimmerman, was sold this week to Messrs. Swift and Fletcher, of Blairsville. The new owners will apply for license next year.

Advertise in the Patriot.