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EDITORIAL

GEORGIA LYNCHERS HALTED

People of the North who were horrified by the report of five more negroes lynched last week in Worth county, Georgia, following the publication that Georgia held the banner for American atrocities during 1915, with eighteen persons lynched out of 69 for the South as a whole, will be relieved at the efforts now making in that state to check the lynching spirit. The Georgia press is aroused. The Public Ledger's Atlanta correspondent reports that the demand is insistent to make the brutal killing of negroes an issue in the next gubernatorial campaign. It is proposed that officers be bonded for the safeguarding of the prisoners, and that the family of the lynched man be paid a heavy indemnity from the tax fund. But thus far during the twentieth century Georgia and the South have measurably curbed the mob impulses of lynchers. We have received from Major Morton, who will shortly be installed in the late Booker T. Washington's at Tuskegee, statistics showing that last year's total of lynchings in the South was much less than half for the decade preceding 1900. Now the press and public of Georgia are exerting their repressive influence upon the lynchers more heavily. And will it control.

—Philadelphia Public Ledger

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TOPICS IN BRIEF

Austria's reply was a promissory note.
It's cold in Russia and England is also feeling a draft.
It's funny how much prettier a girl always is in her photograph.

The Kaiser got it in the neck at last, but it took his surgeon to do it.

Perhaps Doc Cook wants to go through Germany to get to the poles.

The Sahara shown in "The Garden of Allah" hasn't much on South Carolina today.

From all the reports from the Ford party, Mme. Rosika Schwimmer will soon be in position to rally heroically around herself.

Many a time and oft we sit and wonder in our idle way if there are any real Irishmen who say "yez" und "oi" and "bedad" the way they do in magazine stories.

Possibly Doc Cook went over there to take charge of the official press bureaux.

Tis said that Ford will build a peace palace in Copenhagen. The Hague has one.

Another pathetic little thing about human nature is the way a man who had a bad cold always wants to tell you about it at great length.

Disliking the hyphen as much as we do, we do not recall that we have ever said anything in this here column about Anheuser-Busch.

At his birthday dinner it is said the president partook of a cake baked by his bride, this proving at once his Democracy and his heroism.

HIS ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY RUN.



—Donelan in Providence Journal.

Every New Year comes in with a whoop like a Comanche and expires with a gasp like that of the water running out of the bathtub.

Thanks to the modern progress, it is the Stenographer who must now worry about writing 1916 instead of 1915.

Ours is an altruistic weather bureau. It frequently delivers better goods than it offered in its prospectus.

Summed up the political situation is this: President Wilson will succeed himself because he is the least unpopular of our policemen.

As a phrase-maker Lloyd George refuses to take a back seat even for our own versatile colonel and our own scholarly president.

T. R.'s notion of reckless magnanimity is to concede that perhaps after all, President Wilson means well.

United we stand for a whole lot.

Every tailor knows a whole lot of promising men.

Lloyd George is Welsh but you'll notice he never does.

The water wagon is becoming more the band wagon.

A Hoboken astrologer predicts that 1916 will see more fighting in Mexico. Marvelous.

If you want to know Henry's sentiments read the well known remark of the raven.

Somehow the Balkan situation reminds us of two out in the ninth and the score tied.

PENNSYLVANIA NEWS IN BRIEF

Interesting Items From All Sections of the State.

CULLED FOR QUICK READING

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout the State.

Altoona doctors have raised their fees fifty per cent.

A branch of the Peace society was organized in Harrisburg.

A Pennsy train killed a doe that ran across the railroad near Huntingdon.

Gunning on the Lehigh mountain, Captain Schmick, of Emaus, shot two large gray foxes.

The first and only optical glass factory in the United States has started at Washington, Pa.

Hazleton blacksmiths are selling old scrap iron at \$14 a ton, though it was only \$6 last summer.

The Columbia county court granted thirty-one of the eighty-four applications for liquor licenses.

E. J. Lynett, of the Scranton times, announces he will not be a candidate for United States senator.

The Consolidated Telephone company, of Allentown, has inaugurated a bonus system for its employes.

Two bronze cannon will be sent to Middletown from Watervliet arsenal, N. Y., and placed in the public square.

A lawsuit in the Lancaster court resulted in a division of the farm of 115 acres of Abraham Weir, into 225 parts.

Three hundred employes of the Fort Pitt Bridge company, Canonsburg, enjoy an increase of ten per cent in wages.

The Eastern Perry Telephone company has sold its line to the Cumberland Valley Telephone company for \$10,025.

An association is being formed by the Johnstown chamber of commerce to boost the proposed William Penhighway.

The state water supply commission at its reorganization meeting elected Robert A. Zentmeyer, Tyrone, as chairman.

Wives of officials and employes of the Pennsylvania railroad in Pittsburgh organized a body to advocate national defence.

The Empire Steel and Iron company in Catasauqua has recharged its No. 2 furnace, giving employment to a score of men.

Drinking a bottle of cattle medicine, two-year-old Joseph E. Harnley died in great agony two hours later, at Lancaster.

Bishop Thomas Bowers, head of the Evangelical association, is laid up in Allentown with a sprained ankle, the result of a fall.

The big banks of anthracite coal stored at the Roan yards of the Lehigh Valley Coal company, are being slowly destroyed by fire.

The East Pennsylvania conference of the Evangelical church has sold its Bethany church in Bethlehem to the Apostolic church.

Christmas holidays proved the ruin of Hazleton night school, so few students coming back that the institution may be closed.

Mary Brennan, of Lost Creek, broke down after nursing her two sisters, and followed them in death, the third one in three weeks.

Mayor Meals has appointed an "official chiropodist" for the Harrisburg police force, many of whom have corns and bunions.

Temperance forces from Wormleysburg are planning to go to Carlisle to protest against a license for a hotel in that town.

The annual license court opens at Ebensburg in February with 364 applicants. There are only three remonstrances filed.

A movement for annexation of four villages to Steelton has been started because of high water rates charged by private companies.

Waynesboro may place talking machines in its public schools, one having proved a success in furnishing music for marches and drills.

As a result of a membership campaign the Young Women's Christian association of Coatesville now has enrolled 1171 members, a gain of 721.

Dr. Francis D. Patterson, of Philadelphia, has assumed the duties of chief of the bureau of industrial hygiene of the department of labor.

Almost all of the fifteen new saloon license seekers in Hazleton are asking the right to revive old stands wiped out by revocation proceedings.

Joseph K. Shultz, a Lancaster county tobacco farmer, has sold his crop at twenty and four cents, the highest prices paid for any of the 1915 raising.

Charles Olsen, who was arrested in Cumberland, charged with assault on twelve-year-old Ruth Huber, made a confession of his crime at Chambersburg.

Hoping to end the practice of sending petty cases to court, the Bradford county grand jury placed the costs on the committing justices in three cases.

After staying in jail twelve days, George Getz, of Emaus, imprisoned for refusal to pay \$2 taxes, changed his mind, paid the money, and was released.

The state health department has displaced an agent to DuBois, where it is reported a case of smallpox had developed which was not properly diagnosed.

Employes of the Eagan Rogers Steel Casting company at Leipersville will have their wages increased. Workmen getting \$3 a day will receive \$3.50.

The St. Charles Hotel, Lewistown, has been sold to Henry Kreutzman for \$15,000, less than half the price paid for the property under the license regime.

Complaint has been made to the public service commission that the Consumers' Light company, of Plymouth, has suspended work at its plant for a year.

Phoenixville and Royersford boards of trade will co-operate in appeals against an increase in the price of 100-trip tickets between those towns and Philadelphia.

Andrew Carnegie has agreed to contribute \$5000 toward a new organ at St. Patrick's Catholic church in Norristown, if the members of the church raise a similar sum.

Because of injuries received while being initiated into Manifold Nest, Order of Owls, Joseph Laust, of Washington, brought suit against the lodge for \$2000 damages.

All schools, churches, moving picture shows and other places of amusement and public gathering have been closed at Conneautville because of an epidemic of small-pox.

James Johnson for second-degree murder, was sentenced at Bedford to nine years in the Western Penitentiary, and George Jones, for manslaughter, to six years.

Despite a shortage of dyestuffs on account of the European war, the silk industry throughout the anthracite fields is prosperous, and all plants are operated on steady time.

A corps of twenty-five engineers has begun surveys near Conneautville for a line to connect the Baltimore & Ohio line at Fayette Station with the Western Maryland railroad.

Untontown business men went to Pittsburgh and asked President Wilson to call off the Federal probe of Josiah V. Thompson's failure, as prejudicial to creditors' claims.

Mrs. Anna Flamm, thirty years old, of Pittsburgh, was shot three times at her home. The shooting is alleged to have been done by Mrs. Elizabeth Wuehner, of North Braddock.

After having been doped, lured away from home, robbed and held prisoner at a Middletown house, Harry Hill, twenty-eight years old, was brought back to Harrisburg.

Julius J. Seibert, of Clairton, has appealed to the courts in Pittsburgh to restore his bride, fourteen years old, who, it is alleged, has been kidnapped by her father, Abraham Decht.

James Gordon Reilly, a New York architect, has sued Lebanon county for \$12,246.95, claimed for professional services and expenses incident to his preparation of plans for a new courthouse.

Henry De Huff, of Mifflin, the oldest engineer in point of service on the Middle division of the Pennsylvania railroad, will retire on a pension Monday, after forty-seven years of active service.

The McDowell administration in Chester is putting all slot machines out of business. Dominac Grant, proprietor of a cigar store, was held under \$200 bail for having a nickel-in-the-slot machine in his store.

Evidence that the farmers of the state have commenced to use tractors on an extensive scale is shown by a sixty per cent increase in the registration at the state capitol. The number of tractors registered thus far is 325.

The Pennsylvania State Poultry association has decided to reorganize and secure a new charter to cover a more extended field. The plan is to establish a representative in each county and to build up a new organization.

Nine Harrisburg master barbers have been prosecuted for shaving on Sunday. The owners are retaliating on the journeymen behind the movement by having them arrested for working up cases against them on Sunday.

Five hundred more persons were given employment at the Remington Arms company, at Eddystone, near Chester. Among the number were nine young women. The concern will employ about 500 women in the polishing department.

Immense orders for glassware, machines to draw gold, silver and copper machinery for equipping glass factories in France and India were turned down in Pittsburgh last week owing to manufacturers being unable to fill before next year.

Delegates from the chambers of commerce of Quakertown, Perkasie, Sellersville, Telford, Souderton, Lansdale, North Wales and Ambler will meet on February 8 at Harrisburg in the interest of freeing the turnpike from Quakertown to Springhouse from toll.

A committee representing the Lutheran church has been looking over several farms in Horsham township, near Horsham, with a view to purchasing a site for a Lutheran home, to be built from a \$300,000 fund bequeathed three years ago by a wealthy Lutheran.

St. Cassimer's church and other properties in Pottsville representing a total investment of \$1,000,000 are in danger of being ruined by the removal of coal pillars underneath the town, and suit has been brought against the Thomas Colliery company to stop further mining.