

URGE NEED OF A TREE COMMISSION

Members of Municipal League Say That More Than a Forester Is Necessary

FAVOR FIGHT AGAINST SMOKE

J. Horace McFarland Says He Is Ashamed of Condition of Trees in Harrisburg—All the Old Officers Are Re-elected

Members of the Harrisburg Municipal League, in their thirteenth annual session in the Chamber of Commerce quarters in the Kunkel building, last night, reviewed the municipal improvements made in Harrisburg within the last ten or more years; suggested the abolition of the smoke nuisance and endorsed the suggestion recently made to the City Commissioners in which the appointment of a commission for the caring of the city's shade trees was advocated. There is now pending before the City Commissioners an ordinance providing for the creation of the post of city forester at a salary of \$1,000, which, if passed, it is understood, would result in the city not availing itself of the legal right to a Shade Tree Commission.

Major Royal and Commissioners Bowman, Gorgas, Lynch and Taylor were guests of the League at the meeting. All the old officers were re-elected for another term, as follows: President, Vance C. McCormick; vice presidents, E. Z. Wallower and Henderson Gilbert; secretary, J. Horace McFarland; treasurer, J. Austin Brandt.

Half a dozen speakers confined their remarks to the improvements already made and those in progress in this city, and J. V. W. Reynolds, vice president of the Pennsylvania Steel Company and a member of the Steelton Council, impressed his hearers with a talk on the benefits Steelton has been deriving since a tree commission was established in that borough.

Umbarger Favors Commission

Among the League members who advocated creating a tree commission in Harrisburg was Benjamin F. Umbarger, formerly president of the old Select Council and now a member of the City Planning Commission. He compared such a plan to the tentative plans laid by the old Councilmanic bodies at the time the question of paving streets on Allison Hill was originally discussed.

Like the paving work, he said, the people may not be unanimous in favor of the tree commission, but it will be a matter of only a short time he insisted, until they would be clamoring for it. J. Horace McFarland, with lantern slides, pictured to his audience just how Harrisburg's so-called shade trees are being butchered, annually by "incompetent timbermen."

"As president of the American Civic Association I have been laughed at because of the terrible tree conditions in Harrisburg until I am ashamed," Mr. McFarland said.

"A tree authority told me some time ago that there is not a healthy tree in the city. We trim our trees here to fit the telegraph poles and there are many butchers who think that they can improve on nature in the shape of shade trees. Others we leave to rot and die. We certainly like trees, but we seem to like them dead."

As to Forester's Salary

"There is no serious objection to the appointment of a city forester under the bill now before Council, but why experiment? The forester should work under the direction of a regularly-appointed commission. Under the \$1,000 salary limit in the bill a broad and competent expert could not be obtained."

Mr. McFarland touched on the smoke nuisance and said that it is obvious that the city must soon undertake to combat the clouds of black smoke pouring out from railroad and factory chimneys.

Mr. McFarland spoke of the many

EX-TAMMANY CHIEF AND BRIDE



MR AND MRS RICHARD CROKER

Above is shown Mr. Richard Croker, retired leader of Tammany Hall, and his bride just after they were married at the home of Nathan Strauss in New York city. His bride, who was Bula Benton Edmondson, is a singer, poet and lecturer and is a descendant of Chief Blue Jacket, of the Cherokees.

signs "hanging illegally" over the city streets and on private property. "There are thousands of dollars lying about the city if some effort was made to collect the fines," he said.

Mr. McFarland said the Chestnut street entrance to the Mulberry street bridge is very dangerous and predicted a terrible accident will occur there some day. He also called the Dock street bridge very dangerous.

OVERLAND BAND AND GLEE CLUB IN BENEFIT CONCERT

Their Services Offered by President Willys at Entertainment Which Netted \$4,000 for Relief of Women and Children in Belgium

The appeal of Brand Whitlock, Minister to Belgium and former Mayor of Toledo, in behalf of the women, children and other non-combatants in Belgium, found instant and substantial response in his home city. The Commerce Club immediately started a benefit movement known as Whitlock-Belgian Relief Fund.

John N. Willys, president of the Willys-Overland Company, who was appointed chairman of the committee to raise funds, offered the services of the Overland Concert Band and the Overland Glee Club for a benefit concert.

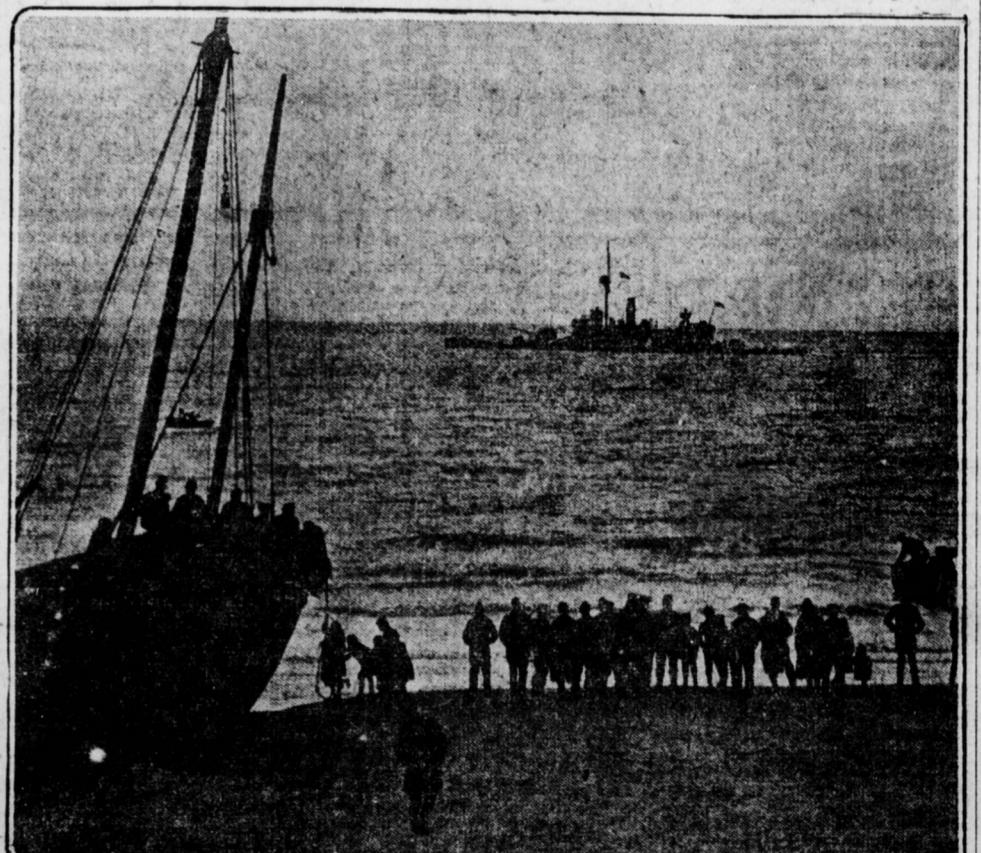
Between \$3,500 and \$4,000 was raised at the concert which was given last Tuesday evening in Toledo, when the Overland organizations were assisted by Mrs. Albra Blodgett, soloist. A huge audience filled the theatre in which the concert was given, the boxes having been auctioned off at big prices. In addition to the money netted by the sale of seats, a number of donations were received from Overland dealers throughout the country, who proved their sympathy with the cause by substantial contributions.

The Overland Band has the reputation of being one of the best industrial organizations of its kind in the country. It was organized five years ago by Mr. Willys for the purpose of providing entertainment at various Overland functions throughout the year. It is one of the most prominent features in the movements continually being made by Mr. Willys to make life more worth the living for his employees. It has performed for a number of public benefits, the latest of which is the one for the relief of the Belgians.

To show his appreciation of the band's efforts, Mr. Willys has sent its

IT PAYS TO USE STAR-INDEPENDENT WANT ADS.

BELGIANS WOUNDED DURING FIGHTING ON THE YSER



BELGIAN FISHERMEN WATCHING A BRITISH MONITOR OFF DUNE COUNTRY.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE OPENS

Trading Restricted to Bonds for Which Minimum Prices Were Established

INITIAL SALE WAS U. S. STEEL

After First Fifteen Minutes Trading Lapsed Into Extreme Dullness, With Mixture of Gains and Losses
—St. Paul Largest Single Deal

By Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 28.—The New York Stock Exchange resumed operations in a tentative way to-day for the first time since July 30 last, when the foreign situation, already tense, caused the cessation of business of all the leading financial markets of the world. Trading was restricted to bonds for which, in all issues, minimum prices were established.

All transactions were for cash and every effort was made to exclude for foreign selling. The attendance on the floor of the Exchange when the gong sounded at 10 o'clock was unusually large. The sound brought cheers from the brokers. Thereafter business went on in the usual orderly fashion.

Little Business at Outset

There was little business at the outset of the session. The first transaction recorded was the sale of five bonds of the U. S. Steel Corporation at 99 3-4, a decline of 1 1-4 from the closing price of July 30. The next transaction was the sale of five bonds of distillers securities 5s at 56, an advance of 3 1-2. Then followed the sale of a single Chesapeake and Ohio bond at a decline of 1 1-2 with later offerings of small amounts of such issues as Southern Pacific convertible, Ray Consolidated 6s, St. Paul General Mortgage 4 1-2s and Northern Pacific 4s. These showed declines ranging from a substantial fraction in Southern Pacific to 3 7-8 points in Ray Consolidated. There were other sales of Steel and Distillers and the issues already named at declines from the first recorded prices. The total amount of business for the first fifteen minutes of the session was \$123,000 par value.

Largest Single Transaction

The largest single transaction was the sale of twenty St. Paul general mortgages 4 1-2s at a decline of 2 1-4.

After the first fifteen minutes trading lapsed into extreme dullness, with a mixture of gains and losses. St. Paul convertibles 4 1-2s were up 1 1-2 while Southern Pacific convertibles 4s gained 3-4 and Central Leather 5s rose 1-2 per cent. U. S. Government issues bid prices were down 1 to 2 points, with an actual sale of registered 4s a decline of 1 3-4.

Selling pressure about which there has been so much apprehension did not appear during the first hour, much to the satisfaction of the financial district. Instead many brokers said they had commissions to buy five or six bonds against every one they had to sell.

A sub-committee of three of the committee of five sat at tables close to the bond platform for the purpose of fixing minimum prices for inactive bonds or making any changes which might become necessary in the announced minimum quotations of active issues.

Declines in Final Hour

Declines were recorded in the final hour, Lorillard 5s and 7s falling 2 7-8 and 4 5-8 respectively while Southern Railway 4s broke six points, Seaboard Air Line adjustments 9 points and Webster first 5 1-4. Atchison general 4s dropped 1 1-4 and Erie General 4 1-2s 2 1-2. Minor recessions were made by Burlington Joint 4s and Reading 1-2s while Lake Shore Debentures of 1931 broke 1 7-8.

The heavy losses sustained by such issues at Seaboard Southern Railway and Webster indicated that the authorities of the Exchange had virtually removed all price restrictions in the more obscure bonds.

Among the few additional gains were Bethlehem Steel 5s, 1 3-8, American Telephone and Telegraph Convertibles 1 1-8, New York Railways Adjustment 5s, 2 1-8; Brooklyn Transit 5s, 1-4; Texas Company Convertibles 6s, 1 1-2, and Rock Island Collateral 4s, 1 3-8.

The total business for the session amounted to \$644,000 par value, with \$5,000 in government bonds.

Frederick's War on Coffee

In a manifesto issued by Frederick the Great in 1779 the mighty monarch deplored "the increased consumption of coffee by my subjects and the amount of money that goes out of the country in consequence. Everybody is using coffee. This must no longer be. My subjects must drink beer. His majesty was brought up on beer, and so were his ancestors. Innumerable battles have been fought and won by soldiers nourished on beer, and the King does not believe that coffee drinking soldiers can be depended upon to endure hardships or to conquer his enemies should another war occur."

Coffee roasting was made a government monopoly, and a prohibitive price was charged for the berry. "Coffee smokers" were appointed all over Prussia to check illicit roasting. Coffee was, therefore, ousted from popular favor. —London Chronicle.

What's In a Name

How we like to hypnotize ourselves with names! Take for example, the case of the muskrat, an animal of most clean feeding habits, whose flesh is sweet, tender and of delicate flavor. In the winter months muskrat meat is in considerable demand in the markets of the Middle Atlantic States, but its sells best as "marsh rabbit" or "water squirrel." So, too, the students of the old Latin quarter in Paris when they expressed a mild doubt of the possibility of rabbit pie at so modest a price were reassured by the suggestion that it might be the "rabbit of the woods." —Youth's Companion.

SUBURBAN

NEWVILLE

Union Thanksgiving Service Held in United Presbyterian Church

Special Correspondence.

Newville, Nov. 28.—The Rev. Haynes H. Lippincott, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, preached the sermon at the union Thanksgiving service held in the United Presbyterian church on Thursday morning. The Thanksgiving proclamation was read, and a dinner was rendered by Mrs. B. F. Seitz and Deemer Eckels, beside the usual worship of praise and prayer.

The Rev. F. N. Parsons and Mrs. Parsons had as guests on Thanksgiving day Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Simpson and Miss Gertrude Hoover, of Harrisburg.

George North of Philadelphia, visited at the home of his sister, Mrs. George P. James, for several days.

Willis K. Glaser attended the Army and Navy football game at Philadelphia on Thursday.

Fred Randall, of Dorranceton, arrived home on Thursday for a few days' visit.

Dr. Raymond Shenck and Mrs. Shenck, of Philadelphia, have been entertained recently at the home of his father, S. E. Shenck.

Ralph H. Lehman and Carroll Gettier have purchased from the heirs of the late Mrs. Jennie Hays, two properties on Big Spring avenue, occupied as business houses and residences of Charles Huntsberger and George P. James.

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HUMMELSTOWN

Thanksgiving Service Collection to Be Donated to Belgian Relief Fund

Special Correspondence.

Hummelstown, Nov. 28.—Samuel M. Kirk, a student at the Lancaster Theological Seminary, will conduct both the morning and evening services in the Reformed church to-morrow.

Mrs. Daniel Yingst is ill with diphtheria at her home on West Main street. The residence has been quarantined.

George Heilmann, who resided on the Eagle farm, east of town, has moved into the Nissley property on South Railroad street, which was vacated by Charles Noe.

The reserved seat chart for the play, "Farm Folks," to be presented Friday evening, December 4, by the I. T. I. Club, will open at Omar House's store, Center square, on Tuesday evening, December 1, at 7 o'clock. A large number of tickets have been sold and the play promises to be one of the best ever produced by local talent.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Copleston, of Copleston, S. C., are the guests of Mrs. Copleston's brother, George A. Larson.

Misses Sarah, Emma and Anna Haug, Misses Anna and Mabel Krum, Miss Kitty Derr and George Haug, of Reading, spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haug.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Miller, of Campbellstown, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Miller on Thursday.

Mr. William Muflin and daughter, Margaret, are spending several days with relatives in Philadelphia.

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