

REFORMED MEN'S CONGRESS IN 1915

Representatives of the Church From Five States Select Allentown for Big Event

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD IN SESSION

Efforts to Be Made to Raise \$250,000 to Liquidate An Indebtedness of \$135,000 and Provide For General Work Throughout Year

Wernersville, Pa., Dec. 5.—Representatives of the Reformed Church from five States—New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, and Maryland—one delegate to every 5,000 members of the 312,000 enrolled in the United States, attended the meeting of the General Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement held at Grand View sanatorium, on South Mountain. At the close of the convention there was great enthusiasm in anticipation of the men's congress to be held in the fall of 1915, Salem Reformed church, Allentown, was the unanimous choice of the delegates.

The Rev. James I. Good, D. D., of Philadelphia, president, presided over a meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church, in the United States. The principal business before the board was to devise ways and means to liquidate the indebtedness of \$135,000. An effort will be made to raise \$250,000 for this purpose and for immediate needs. An additional \$100,000 is required for general work throughout the year. The basis of the 1915 expenditure of money was decided to be the receipts during 1914. This will, it is hoped, prevent the board from assuming an indebtedness.

Those who attended the board meeting were: The Rev. Dr. James I. Good, Philadelphia; Horace Ankeney, vice president, Xenia, O.; the Rev. Dr. Allen E. Bartholomew, secretary, Philadelphia; Dr. Joseph L. Lemberger, treasurer emeritus, Lebanon; the Rev. Dr. Frederick Meyer, Youngstown, O.; the Rev. Dr. Irvin W. Hendricks, Chambersburg; the Rev. Conrad Hassel, Buffalo, N. Y.; the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Creitz, Reading; David A. Mahler, Allentown; George F. Barels, Canan, Winchester, O.; John W. Apple, Lancaster; William Anspach, Milton.

MILLIONS IN U. S. STEEL TO REBUILD DESTROYED BRIDGES

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 5.—Frederick Holbrook and William S. Patten, of the Holbrook, Cabott and Rollins corporation; A. B. Adams, a contractor, and three representatives of the Lackawanna Steel Company, sailed on the Lusitania to-day for France, where, it is reported, they will visit the battlefields and later submit bids to the French government for the reconstruction of bridges destroyed by armies of the allies and Germany in the war. The proposed contract will call for an immense amount of work and the shipment of millions of dollars worth of American steel to France, it is said.

STAR-INDEPENDENT WANT ADS. BRING RESULTS.

CAPITOL HILL PUBLIC HEARING HELD BY THE INDUSTRIAL BOARD

Branch of Labor and Industry Department Takes Action Last Night on Regulations Covering a Number of Subjects

A public hearing of the Industrial Board of the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry was held in the House Canteen Room of the State Capitol, John Price Jackson, Commissioner of Labor and Industry, presided. Action was taken on regulations covering the following subjects: Forging, pressing, forming and stamping machinery; blowers and exhausters; polishing and grinding machinery; wood-working machinery; standard railings; compressed air; steam engines; transmission of power; machine tools.

These regulations were presented to the board by voluntary committees composed of employers and employees. The board will carefully consider all the suggestions made and in a few days will prepare revised copies, after which the same will be put into effect according to law. A final draft of the bakeshop rules will be printed and also put into effect within the coming month.

Among those present at the hearing were: M. C. Goodspeed, General Electric Company, Erie; B. T. Root, B. N. Root Company, York; W. W. Davis, Somet-Solvay Company, Steelton; C. D. Porter and M. M. Sheedy, Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Philadelphia.

Cold Water Expense Account T. H. Hamilton, treasurer of the Prohibition State committee has submitted his campaign expense account, in which he shows that he received \$5,852.75 and spent \$5,704, leaving a balance of \$148.75. The State committee has liabilities aggregating \$10,834.36.

Motor License Money

The State Highway Department has paid into the State Treasury the additional sum of \$61,660 money derived from automobile licenses for 1914. None of the licenses for 1915 have been sent out, being held up until it is ascertained whether it is necessary for them to be stamped with a war tax stamp.

Governor Attends Dinner

Governor Tener, accompanied by Secretary Gaither, left for Philadelphia at noon to-day to attend the dinner of the Terrapin Club at the Manufacturers' Club to-night. From Philadelphia the Governor will go direct to Charleroi to attend the Elm memorial services to-morrow.

KAUFFMAN FUNERAL MONDAY

Man Who Died at Hospital Will Be Buried at Heckton

Furman F. Kauffman, 28 years old, died yesterday afternoon, two hours after being admitted to the Harrisburg hospital. He had been ill but a short time with pneumonia.

Funeral services will be held at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Kauffman, 2140 North Sixth street, on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. A. F. Williams, pastor of Curtin Heights Methodist church, officiating. After the services the body will be taken to Heckton for burial by Undertaker C. H. Mauk. In addition to his parents Mr. Kauffman leaves his wife and two children.

David P. Lindsey

The funeral services for David P. Lindsey, the nine-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip P. Lindsey, 518 DuPont street, were conducted this afternoon by the Rev. Mr. Balsbaugh. Burial was made in the East Harrisburg cemetery.

BUY RIVER COAL FOR TECH

School Board Awards Contract for 200 Tons of Cheaper Grade of Fuel

A new blower attachment on the boilers in the Technical High school which allows the economy of using river coal having proved satisfactory in a test, the Harrisburg School Board last evening decided to purchase 200 tons for the winter. Bids were opened and the contract awarded to W. H. Fillingbat at \$1.25 a ton. The next lowest bid was \$1.75.

Francis A. Aul appeared before the Board and asked that military training be renewed in the local high schools. His proposition was turned over to City Superintendent Downes. The Board decided to make the Wickarsham building a school for colored pupils, transferring the white pupils to the Willard and Fager buildings. The Board passed resolutions against the transfer of a saloon to 1819 North Third street.

The Board accepted the resignation of Miss Mary Graber, a teacher in the Susquehanna building, and Mrs. Nellie Straw, a teacher in the Webster building. Miss Eleanor Trafford, of the Hamilton building, was granted an indefinite leave of absence because of ill health. Six young women were elected to the substitute teachers' list. They are: Marjann S. Gaugler, Catherine Balslev, Rebecca J. Shoemaker, Elsie M. Nixon, Mary E. Burkholder and Margaret D. Clancy.

Miss Margaret Dougherty was elected to fill Miss Trafford's position and Miss Helen Bright was selected for Mrs. Straw's place. Miss Florence Hartman was made a teacher in the Lechli open air school. Jerry Toomey was elected janitor of the same school at a salary of \$27.50 a month.

COURT HOUSE

To Build New Bridge

Proposals for a reinforced concrete bridge to be constructed over Spring creek, near Cameron street, will be received by M. Harvey Taylor, Commissioner of Parks, up until 2 o'clock December 15. Plans for the proposed bridge are now being prepared by the park department engineers and may be seen by contractors after December 8. Contractors also will be allowed to submit estimates to be based upon plans and specifications which they themselves are permitted to prepare, although both the bid and the plans must be in the hands of the park engineers at least six hours before time for receiving the other proposals.

Want Grading Bids

Highway Commissioner William H. Lynch is advertising for proposals for the grading of Brookwood street from Eighteenth to Nineteenth. The bids must be filed at his office in time to be opened at noon on December 14.

Oppose License Transfer

A petition remonstrating against the application for the transfer of the Patrick Sullivan retail liquor license from 727 State street to 1819 North Third street, has been filed by Eleventh ward residents with Henry F. Holler, Prothonotary of the court. The petition contains the signatures of 1,701 men and women all residents of the Eleventh ward.

Fair Stockholders in Session

Directors and some of the stockholders of the Keystone State Fair and Exhibition Company, a concern which has announced it has plans for laying out a fair ground between Middletown and Highspire, met in the offices of the company in the Kunkel building this afternoon. The stockholders considered the advisability of amending their by-laws. Representatives of the company said the result of the conference would not be announced this afternoon.

SALE OF RED CROSS SEALS WILL START ON MONDAY

300,000 Christmas Stickers Will Be Disposed of Here to Aid Fight Against Tuberculosis—Campaign to Start To-morrow in Churches

All Harrisburg to-morrow will observe "Anti-Tuberculosis Sunday" and in almost every pulpit the story of the battle that is being waged by humanity against the onslaughts of the "white plague" and the part, the very important part, that the Red Cross Christmas seal occupies on the battle fighting line will be the subject of many sermons.

Next Monday the sale of the 300,000 Christmas seals will be started in this city and vicinity, but the campaign will be formally opened to-morrow with the church services. Rabbi Freund talked about the fight last evening at Ohev Sholem temple. The Rev. Dr. H. W. Stough will make announcements at the great tabernacle. The Rev. Lewis S. Mudge spoke on the subject at Pine Street Presbyterian church.

The ministers' talks in the various churches to-morrow will be largely of an educational character. The benefits that will accrue from general participation in the crusade will be pointed out, and the help that is given to poor and needy children in furnishing them earfare to the open air schools, clothing for the trips to Mont Alto and trolley fare to dispensaries will be described.

The 300,000 Red Cross Christmas seals have been received for distribution here and the sale will be opened in a number of ways, beginning to-day for the sale. John Fox Weiss is again in charge of the committee and has mapped out a splendid campaign. All these matters will be officially mentioned in to-morrow's church services. Incidentally a prayer will be offered in the different churches—the prayer of the nation in behalf of the victims of the terrible disease.

PLANS PRIZES FOR GARDENING

Professor Shambaugh Would Extend the Patrons' Day Idea

Professor Frank E. Shambaugh, County Superintendent of Schools, to-day announced that from reports thus far received Patrons' Day was observed in all of the county schools, outside of the city yesterday, and appropriate exercises were held.

The Superintendent now says he will launch a similar movement next year and will try to have farm and garden exhibits in the school rooms. The children are to supply the exhibits for which judges will be awarded prizes. The plan is to get bankers and business men in each community interested and have them offer the prizes.

WANTED ON MANY CHARGES

60-year-old Boarding House Thief Again in Toils

C. Harry Fortney, 60 years old, for whom the police have been searching for some time for larceny from boarding houses, having seven complaints against him, was arrested this afternoon by Detective Murnane and Policeman Balthasar.

Fortney's method, according to the police, is to go to a boarding house and stay but one night, leaving the next morning with the valuables that he can carry. Being arrested on the same charge before, he was sentenced to three years in the Eastern penitentiary September 29, 1909.

Joe Ready in Again

The only arrest last evening was that of Joe Ready an oft time repeater, who has sworn off more often than any man in town. Policeman Romich picked him up for being drunk and panhandling. Because of slack business Mayor Royal held no session of police court this afternoon.

SCORES ACQUITTED MAN

Judge Johnson Tells Middletowner, Cleared by Jury's Verdict That He Ought to Be in Prison

Although he was acquitted by a jury on the charge on which he was tried in court, Charles Shaeffer, a Middletown man, was this morning severely reprimanded by Judge Albert Johnson, of the Union-Snyder judicial district, specially presiding in court here this week. Shaeffer earlier in the morning had been acquitted in a case in which a Middletown girl was the prosecuting witness.

After Shaeffer had been called to the bar, Assistant District Attorney Wiekergahn, addressing Judge Johnson, said: "I am sorry to say we have nothing more against Shaeffer. He has been acquitted of this charge, and I must move for his discharge."

Then Judge Johnson turned toward Shaeffer and said: "If I had a chance to put you in jail, that is exactly what I would do. You ought to be in prison. That is the place for fellows of your type. The jurors gave you the benefit of the doubt, a right which they had, and while they could have done otherwise, I will not censure them for their action."

"I don't, as a rule, question decisions of jurors where there are twelve men with the same opinion, but personally I feel that you are lucky. If you repeat what you have done, you will get the limit; all that I can give you, I have a little respect for you as for any other defendant that appeared before me this week. You are a married man. Your wife is sitting back there in the courtroom and undoubtedly is ashamed of you. So she should be. Your place is at your wife's side, and I advise you to stay there. Let me tell you one thing more! Don't you ever come before me again! Now you can go!"

WOMAN WITNESS IS ABSENT

Stroup Says Ensminger Case Will Be Dropped Unless Mrs. Long Appears

Besides the murder charge against Robert F. Scott, the city patrolman, two cases remained untried when the special term of criminal court closed this afternoon. They, too, will be called at the January sessions.

The trial of Theodore H. Moltz, charged with manslaughter, growing out of his alleged running down with his auto and fatally injuring a boy near Rockville, was postponed because the case could not be reached on the calendar.

The retrial of John T. Ensminger, Jr., and Miss Martha Osten, jointly indicted on serious charges, lodged at the instance of Mrs. Ensminger, also was held over. This continuance, District Attorney Stroup said to-day, was due to the fact that Mrs. Fred Long, one of the principal witnesses for the Commonwealth, cannot be found.

"Until she is found we will not be able to go on with this hearing," said Mr. Stroup. "Mrs. Long is a very material witness and the case will have to be dropped if she is not located."

G. A. R. ELECTS OFFICERS

Post 58 Also Decides On Representatives to Department Encampment

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the members of Post 58, G. A. R., held last night: Commander, H. W. Newman; S. V. C., John M. Major, Jr.; V. C., Thomas Numbers; chaplain, William Huggins; surgeon, R. M. Johnson; Q. D., H. M. Graham; O. G., David Bender; trustee, William D. Rhoads; representatives to the department encampment to be held at Easton next June, E. B. Hoffman, David Bender, N. A. Walmer, Thomas Numbers, H. S. Watson.

The Harrisburg Polyclinic Dispensary will be open daily except Sunday at 3 p. m., at its new location, Front and Harris streets, for the free treatment of the worthy poor.

GERMAN CASUALTIES ARE APPALLING IN IMMENSITY

London, Dec. 5, 4.10 A. M.—A dispatch to the "Times" from Copenhagen says:

"The latest German casualty list contains the names of 13,721 officers and men killed, wounded and missing. This makes a total of 658,483 not including the previous Wurttemberg, Saxony and Bavarian lists.

"The Bavarians suffered heavily, according to the present list, with over 9,000 casualties out of the total of 13,000. One regiment of 3,000 lost 1,600 men in Flanders, including three generals.

"An examination shows that the average Austrian and German loss daily during the last four months has been about 20,000 men.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

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that the war office considers it worthy of remark that one part of a hamlet remains in possession of the allies and that a ferryman's house which had been in dispute for a month had been captured.

The German staff asserts that the French assaults in Flanders were repulsed and that the German forces made progress in the region of La Basse, Northern France; in the forest of the Agronne and in the vicinity of Altkirch, Alsace.

There was almost no news from the east. In one minor operation in East Prussia the Germans reported 1,200 Russians were captured. The war office gives out without commence a newspaper report that the losses among the French troops amount to at least fifty per cent.

Italy's attitude in the European war has again become a source of concern, in view of Premier Salandra's declaration that his country was in no way bound to fight with Germany and Austria, and the statement that if her loyalty to the obligations were questioned further she would disclose the text of the triple alliance agreement. The German government's appointment of Prince Von Buelow, former Chancellor, as temporary head of the embassy at Rome, is interpreted by Rome dispatches as meaning that Berlin would exert strong pressure to prevent Italy from joining forces with the allies.

AUTOIST IS INJURED

Thrown Through Top of Machine When It Strikes Fence

Benjamin Albright, son of Harry Albright, 1631 Swatara street, was knocked through the top of his automobile at Youngport, near Middletown, last evening, when his steering gear failed to work and he ran into a fence. He was thrown heavily against a fence, suffering bruises and lacerations of the face and legs.

Fred Bowers, another autoist, took him to a Middletown physician and later to this city. The front of the car was damaged.

Biscuit Company Branch Here

A distributing branch of the Loose-Wiles Biscuit Company, of New York, Boston and Kansas City, will be established in Harrisburg through the efforts of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce. Arrangements have been made for a warehouse on the Pennsylvania railroad tracks and an office, sales and warehouse force will be employed. C. E. Peale, formerly of Philadelphia, will have charge of the local branch.

May Delay Poison Case Hearing

The case of Andrew Melocetto, accused of attempting to poison eighteen persons, which was set for a hearing before Alderman Nicholas to-night at 7 o'clock, may be postponed. It was thought this afternoon that it would be impossible for Dr. George R. Moffitt to complete the analysis of the powder alleged to have figured in the case, in time to make a report this evening.

TRADING IN BONDS LIGHT WITH FEW PRICE CHANGES

The Only Transaction of Any Size Was a Sale of \$24,500 Pennsylvania Railway Convertibles at 99, Unchanged

New York, Dec. 5.—Early dealings in bonds on the Stock Exchange to-day were devoid of special interest. Trading was lighter, with few price changes. The only transaction of any size was a sale of \$24,500 Pennsylvania railway convertibles at 99, unchanged. Rock Island Collateral 4s and Debenture 5s gained half a point each.

Continued buying of Rock Islands constituted the sole feature of the brief session. The collateral 4s advanced 3 points. The rise in the Rock Island issues was attributed to the reported perfection of a reorganization plan. Dealings in the general list were no less active than on the previous day, but number of bonds traded in was smaller and the undertone more heavy.

Among the few important declines were Florida East Coast 4 1/2s which lost 1/4.

ROTARY CLUB TO AID BOTH CITY POOR AND BELGIANS

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and it is believed that all seats will be disposed of before the middle of next week. Emphasis is accordingly laid by the committee on the necessity for the public to secure tickets promptly.

The tickets are now on sale at the following places of business:

Drug stores, P. J. Althouse, 1276 Market; H. B. Althouse, Third and Muench; Brindle's, 1246 Derry; J. W. Cotterel, 1800 North Sixth; W. B. Goodyear, Nineteenth and Derry; C. M. Forney, 426 Market; P. E. Grundel, 933 North Sixth; B. H. Jenkins, 2300 North Sixth; C. Keller, 405 Market; Kitzmiller's, 1325 Derry; C. P. Kramer, 1225 North Third; Logan's, Second and Herr; J. C. McAllister, 1336 North Second; Mehring's, Fourth and Peffer; G. C. Potts, 1100 North Third; A. M. Rickett, Eighteenth and Walnut; E. F. Smith, 1601 Market; W. G. Steever, 1324 Walnut; W. F. Thompson, 2027 North Sixth; W. O. Waite, 824 North Sixth, and S. K. Wehlein, 135 State.

Also, Eby Chemical Company, 23 South Fourth; Eby drug store, New Cumberland; Saeering's grocery, Hamilton and Green; Frantz's grocery, Third and Hamilton; J. H. Wagner, Third and Hamilton; Kammerer's barber shop, 1712 North Third; Peter's grocery, Third and North; Eyer's cigar store, 707 North Third, and Bob Lucas, barber shop, 414 North Third.

TO CHECK UP AUDIT BILLS

County Authorities Have Kept Tabs on the Number of Hours of Work

The report of the 1913 county audit which was given over to the County Commissioners by the auditors late yesterday afternoon, was formally submitted to the court this morning and ordered to be filed with the Prothonotary. Only two of the three auditors, Francis W. Reigle and Fred W. Huston, have presented their bills to the Commissioners. John W. Cassel yesterday said that he had not had sufficient time in which to make out his bill but he will do so within the next few days.

Payment of the two auditors' bills was deferred by the County Commissioners for several days or until they can confer with County Controller Gough and compare the charges with time books he kept as to the number of hours each auditor was on the job. Mr. Reigle said he believed Mr. Cassel "will not charge as much as we ask." The Commissioners will consider the matter again at their meeting next Wednesday.

LOOK! LOOK! LOOK! LOOK!

Beginning Monday, December 7,

The Star-Independent Will Give Away

2 Reserved Seat Tickets to the Orpheum

Every Day Until the Close of the Season

We don't know who will get these tickets, but someone will get 2 every day. Perhaps YOU will be one of the lucky ones.

HERE IS THE PLAN: Every weekday a young lady, an employe of the Star-Independent, will be blindfolded. She will open Boyd's Directory of Harrisburg and vicinity and will make a mark on one of the pages. The person whose name is nearest the mark will be given absolutely free of charge two reserve seats, which will be good at the Orpheum on a date which will be announced with the name of the person to whom they are awarded.

The announcements will be HIDDEN among the Want, Lost, Found, For Rent, For Sale, etc., ads, but will be so plain that any one can easily find them.

Look! Look! Start Monday. Read Over the Classified Columns Every Evening. Perhaps Yours Will Be There