



ABBOTT AND PEN'YACK'R IN HOT CLASH

Commuters' Lawyer, Who Attacked Commission, Is Heard After a Lively Spat

SAYS HE HAS NO APOLOGY

Former Governor, As Member of Board, Rules Attorney's 'Fifteen Questions' Are Irrelevant and Declares Hearing Is Given on 'Sufferance'

The meeting of the Public Service Commission this morning was characterized by the liveliest scrap that has ever marked its proceedings, the participants being former Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker, chairman of the Commission, and Edwin M. Abbott, the Philadelphia attorney, representing commuters, who recently filed charges against the Commission because of its action in making known to the railroad companies the decision on the rates for passenger service.

Mr. Abbott was the principal counsel at the recent Philadelphia hearing of the commuters who protested against certain features of the railroad's new passenger rates, and he afterward claimed that he should have been informed of the change in the rates as fixed by the Commission at the same time as the railroad companies were informed. Indignant over the action of one of the members of the Commission he prepared a series of fifteen questions, all bearing on the alleged sins of omission and commission of the Commission, which questions he not only sent to the Commission but also to Governor Tener.

Furthermore, Mr. Abbott was reported as saying that if cognizance was not taken of the Commission's actions by the Governor and if an investigation was not held, he would request Governor Brumbaugh, when he takes office, to withdraw the nominations of the Commissioners, which would have the effect of ousting them. Failing in that he would go before the Senate Committee on Executive Nominations and endeavor to have it make an adverse report on the nominations. Governor Tener acknowledged receipt of the questions but upheld the Commissioners.

Pennypacker Defends Johnson

To-day was fixed for the rehearing in the matter of the passenger rates for commuters and others before the Commission, this hearing having been asked for by Mr. Abbott and others who were dissatisfied with some features of the rates, and quite a crowd was present in the Supreme Court room at the capitol, where the case was argued. Attorneys representing the Commissioners and Philadelphia United Business Men's Association were present, along with attorneys for the Pennsylvania.

U. S. SEEKS PUNISHMENT FOR SHOOTERS OF HUNTERS

Washington, Jan. 8.—The British embassy to-day was in receipt of a formal note from the United States government asking that the Canadian militia men who shot and killed Walter Smith and wounded Charles Dorsch, American citizens at Port Erie, Ontario, while duck hunting in alleged violation of the Canadian game laws, be punished.

The communication, which was of a friendly nature, was transmitted to Great Britain through the British Ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice. It pointed out that not only was it expected that the offenders be duly punished but that the victims' families be adequately compensated.

After a personal memorandum had been received by him from Sir Spring-Rice, which was coincident with the dispatch of the note, Secretary Bryan declared that the British government without deciding the question of liability, would consider the payment of damages to Dorsch and the family of Smith.

The statement was interpreted to mean that damages would be paid following completion of an inquiry by the Dominion authorities.

Toronto, Jan. 8.—A provincial constable, a corporal and two privates were arrested at Port Erie to-day on warrants issued at the instance of the Attorney General of the Province of Ontario, charging them with manslaughter in connection with the death of Walter Smith and the wounding of Charles Dorsch, American citizens, at Port Erie, on December 28, last. The men were held without bail.

Bills to Increase U. S. Army

Washington, Jan. 8.—Bills to carry out Secretary Garrison's recommendations to add 25,000 men and 1,000 officers to the army and 8,000 men to the coast artillery corps are to be taken up by the Senate Military committee and pushed for passage at this session of Congress. At a special meeting of the committee it was decided to-day to act along that line and also to consider measures for an army reserve.

LAW-MAKER PAYS \$5 FINE AFTER MARKET ST. FIGHT

Representative Adams, Who Once Offered to Swim the River in Dead of Winter, Gets in Argument About Proper Military Salute

William L. Adams, of Beaver Brook, Luzerne county, Pa., a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, and a Spanish war veteran, met Harry Porter, another foreign service vet, in a hotel in the central part of the city last evening and they had a delightful discussion until they differed as to the manner of giving the proper military salute. They ultimately came to blows on Third street, near Market, at 12.30 o'clock this morning. This they both admitted in police court before Mayor Royal this afternoon when they appeared to answer a disorderly conduct charge.

Policemen McCann and Bush saw Porter lying on the street shortly after midnight and Adams walking away, and they placed both under arrest. In the dock at Police Headquarters immediately following the arrests, Adams posted a \$5 forfeit for himself and another for Porter to keep both out of jail during the night.

In police court the erstwhile antagonists were very friendly. Porter, seeing Colonel Hutchison's badge as a Spanish war veteran, claimed comradeship with him. Colonel Hutchison smiled and Mayor Royal said:

"Five dollars or ten days in jail for each defendant."

The forfeits were turned into the coffers of the city as "fines" and the pair departed the best of friends. Adams was first elected to the House in 1912. He was a prospector in Southern Nevada at one time and during the Spanish-American war served with the Governor's Troop, of Harrisburg. He afterward served on the United States Flagship, New York, and with the United States Marines served through the Philippine insurrection and in the Boer campaign. He is the author of "Exploits of a Soldier Ashore and Afloat." He came into public notice during the legislative sessions of 1913 through his reported offer to swim the Susquehanna river in the dead of winter.

WAR RECORD WHEAT PRICES

May Cereal Jumps to \$1.40 Bushel, Highest Figure With Few Exceptions in Fifty Years

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Wheat shot up to-day and as high as \$1.41 3/4 a bushel was paid for May, the chief speculative option, a rise in excess of three cents a bushel beyond what could have been realized when values yesterday were at the acme of a big whirl. The close was unsettled with May at \$1.40, a gain of 2 1/2 cents compared with last night.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Smashing of war record prices for wheat began promptly to-day at the first gong on "change." Opening quotations were 7-8 to 1 5/8 above last night. May wheat, the leading option jumped to \$1.39 3/4, against \$1.35 5/8, the tip-top for yesterday. Reports of an ultimatum to

STROUP BEFRIENDS A SQUIRREL

Feeds Park Pet Which Calls Three Times a Day at Office

"Billy," one of the pet squirrels in Capitol Park, after a chase through the streets and over electric light wires, jumped into the office of District Attorney M. E. Stroup, in the Russ building, Court and Strawberry streets, several days ago, presumably to get a tip from the prosecutor on "how to take a rest in the village of New York."

\$2,006 RAISED FOR RED CROSS

Reports compiled to-day showed that the receipts from the sale of the Red Cross Christmas stamps in Dauphin county during the holiday season to aid the anti-tuberculosis campaign, amounted to \$2,006.80, or more than \$600 below what was received last year. The total number of stamps sold here this season was 200,680, against 262,632 a year ago. The decrease is accounted for by the fact that there are so many other demands for charitable aid from extraordinary sources this winter.

Reports yet are to be received from agents who took out 45,000 stamps, just \$450 worth. It is believed about twenty per cent. of these have been sold.

MURDER TALE IS GROUNDFLESS

District Attorney's Investigation Proves Adam Cico Was Not Poisoned
Foreigners living in the neighborhood of the home of Adam Cico, 1103 South Ninth street, a man who died on Wednesday night, were responsible for a report to-day that Cico had been murdered by poisoning, and this led to an inquiry by District Attorney M. E. Stroup and Coroner Jacob Eckinger.

Both county officials subsequently said they are satisfied the man's death was due to nephritis and they both denied and repudiated the murder story. Cico was taken ill on Tuesday and died less than twenty-four hours later. A foreigner admitted he spread the murder report, the coroner said, because he had a petty grievance against Mrs. Cico.

ICE ON THE RIVER BREAKS AT 3 A. M.

Is Running Smoothly Over Entire System Except at Warrior Ridge, on the Juniata

UNEXPECTED RISE LESSENS DANGER

The West Channel Opened at 11 O'clock Last Night—Little Damage to Coffey Dam at the Cumberland Valley Railroad Bridge

On a river stage slightly higher than was anticipated, ice on the Susquehanna river broke and moved off opposite Harrisburg early this morning, the height of the river being such that the possibility of damage to the Coffey dam about the piers on the Cumberland Valley railroad bridge being greatly lessened. Fears are felt that some of the big timbers will be carried away by the water, but the work has been advanced to such a stage that little damage to the work on the piers is expected.

Should the river go to 12 1/2 feet tomorrow, the stage forecast by the local officials of the Weather Bureau, ice will be thrown atop the walk at the top of the river front steps. Ice was running this morning over the third step from the top on a stage slightly over 10 feet.

Ice Running Freely
Beginning at 3.25 o'clock yesterday afternoon where a break occurred in the ice on the main river at the Rockville falls, slight breaks occurred from that on southward until 11 o'clock last evening, when the west channel opened and the ice began running freely. The east channel as far south as North street was broken up by 11 o'clock. The ice piled up there, but

FLOOD TIES UP RAILROAD

Williams Valley Line Blocked by Dirt Washed Onto Track

Traffic on the Williams Valley railroad, which connects with the Philadelphia and Reading road at Brookside, this county, and runs to mining towns in this and Schuylkill counties, was blocked for several hours yesterday due to several small streams washing coal dirt on the roadbed near Williams town to the depth of a foot. Track hands got the dirt from the tracks late in the afternoon yesterday.

STOUGH SAYS THUGS PURSUE

Tells Altoona Audience Also That They Should Stand by Governor Brumbaugh

Altoona, Jan. 8.—Declaring that the liquor people are camping on his trail and have hired gunmen and assassins to "get" him, Dr. Henry W. Stough, the evangelist, who is conducting the revival in the big tabernacle at the Cricket field, last evening hurled defiance against them and announced that he was going to remain in Pennsylvania and fight them with all the force at his command and help the people of the State to get rid of their influence.

"Let us stand by Governor Brumbaugh," he said in his evening sermon, "and pray God to help him to put upon the statute books of Pennsylvania a local option law. They say that Ohio went back at the late election. With the exception of Cleveland and Cincinnati it went for prohibition and when you get a local option law in Pennsylvania this State will go dry from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia, and when my friend Billy Sunday gets through with Philadelphia, it will go dry, too."

Miss Josephine Colt, in charge of the personal workers' classes, left yesterday for her home in Berwick. Miss Colt is suffering from a hemorrhage of the blood vessels on her tongue and will undergo treatment at the hands of a specialist. She will resume her work at Lancaster where the party goes next.

STOUGH TABERNACLE SOLD

May Be Used for Exhibition or Other Purposes Before Removed

The Stough tabernacle has been sold by the Bogar Lumber Company to John E. Dare. Church committees from Lancaster, Reading and Hagerstown are now considering the advisability of buying the tabernacle and transferring it for use in evangelistic services in their communities.

The building committee of the Reading Stough evangelistic campaign has visited the tabernacle here, but has as yet arrived at no conclusions. Preference will be given by Mr. Dare to the church committees and meanwhile he is considering offers from various sources for the use of the building before it is removed for exhibition and convention purposes.

SOCIETY WOMEN STUDY TO GO TO FRONT AS NURSES



MISS JOSEPHINE NICOLL.
PHOTO BY LOUETTA BELL

MISS ESTHER CLEVELAND ENROLLS AS A WAR NURSE

Daughter of Late President and Other Young Women Prominent in Society Will Take Eleven Weeks' Course in Caring for Wounded Soldiers

New York, Jan. 8.—Miss Esther Cleveland, daughter of the late President Grover Cleveland; Miss Josephine Nicoll and many other young women prominent in social circles have been enrolled in the winter nursing course at the central branch of the Young Women's Christian Association, in this city, where, under the direction of Miss Louise Henderson, they are studying to care for wounded soldiers.

The course, which is technically known as trained attendance, includes daily lessons for eleven weeks, with three afternoons a week devoted to work in the hospital. There are fifty in the class at the present time and all are likely to go to the European war front.

BURNS FATAL TO MRS. BLAIR

Woman Who Attempted to Extinguish Fire Starting From Flying Match Head Dies This Morning

Mrs. Wilbur Blair, 66 years old, who was severely burned while trying to extinguish a fire she started in her son's home, 613 Schuylkill street, at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning, died from her burns at 10.35 o'clock this morning at the Harrisburg hospital. She was burned about the face, hands, arms and feet.

She became ill during Wednesday night and in attempting to light the gas in her room struck a match, the head flying off and starting a fire in the carpet of the room. She beat the fire with her hands and stamped on it but her efforts to extinguish it were futile. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. A. C. Blair, and Claud Lantz, 611 Schuylkill street, rescued her from the burning house.

She seemed to recover from the shock of the burns and was able to tell about the fire the following morning, but she showed signs of bronchial trouble and physicians believe that she inhaled some flames. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made. Five houses were damaged by the fire, causing a loss of nearly \$3,000.

HUMMEL MANSION REMODELED

Old Front Street Property Is Being Converted Into Apartments

The Hummel mansion, 107 South Front street, which recently came into possession of V. Lorne Hummel, under the will of his grandmother, Mrs. Richard Hummel, is being converted into apartments.

There are to be three apartments in all, two of which face on Front street. They will be ready for occupancy by the middle of the month.



GETS DIRT FOR FRONT ST. FILL

City Enters Contract With Excavating Firm to Provide 15,000 Cubic Yards

TOTAL COST TO BE \$4,000

Earth Will Be Taken From the Site of the Proposed Pennsylvania Railroad Warehouse by the King-Brown Construction Company

Under a contract closed to-day between M. Harvey Taylor, Commissioner of Parks, and the King-Brown Construction Company, contractors, who are grading the site for the proposed Pennsylvania Railroad warehouse, Second street, south of Mulberry street, something like 15,000 cubic yards of dirt will be obtained to use for making the fill along the river bank between Calder and Maclay street.

The agreement was entered into when the contracting company made an offer to the city to furnish and haul that quantity of dirt, or more if necessary, at the rate of twenty-six and two-thirds cents a cubic yard. This price is the lowest yet received by the city and makes it possible to get the desired filling material for about \$4,000. The price demanded by other contractors who submitted estimates was almost twice that amount.

Work of making the fill will be started in a few days or immediately after the King-Brown company gets another steam shovel at work on the warehouse job. One steam shovel has been in operation on the grading job for two weeks.

Should the City Commissioners decide to make a fill along the river bank, north of Maclay street, the contractors have given their assurance that additional dirt can be obtained, at the same rate, for which the 15,000 yards can be furnished.

ALLIES GAINING GROUND IN ARTILLERY FIGHTING IN FRANCE, SAYS REPORT

Paris, Jan. 8, 2.45 P. M.—The extended French official report given out in Paris this afternoon shows the customary artillery activity all along the sea to Alsace and says that the French guns are gaining the advantage. The French claim some infantry advances. Near Rheims they moved forward 200 yards. Referring to the situation in Alsace, the French report claims favorable developments. The statement follows:

"The artillery of the enemy showed, during all the day of January 7, great activity in Belgium and in the vicinity of Arras. The French artillery responded spiritedly and efficaciously."

Damage German Trenches

"Our infantry made some progress near Lombaertzyde. We occupied at a point fifty yards in advance of our trenches a hillock which had been held by the enemy. To the east of St. Georges we gained ground and we inflicted serious damage on the trenches of the enemy in the vicinity of Steenstraete."

"In the sector of Arras, at the forest of Reithoval, without being attacked, we were compelled to evacuate certain trenches where our men were up to their shoulders in sand and water."

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Capture of another town in Alsace to the south of Sennheim is reported by the French War Office in its statement of to-day. The German communication neither affirms nor denies the report, saying merely that fighting is still in progress for possession of the town. It is stated, however, that repeated French attacks in Alsace broke down under the German artillery fire.

In a few other localities between the North sea and Switzerland sharp fighting is in progress, in which each side has scored its minor victories, but over most of the line there is little activity. The armies in the east are similarly inactive. The German communication mentions an engagement east of the Rawka river, where, it is said, the advance is still in progress, but the spectacular clashes of great masses of troops during the early part of the war have no parallels now along the Warsaw front.

Great Britain's preliminary reply to the American note concerning British interference with American shipping

READY TO MOVE ARCHIVES FROM TURKISH CAPITAL

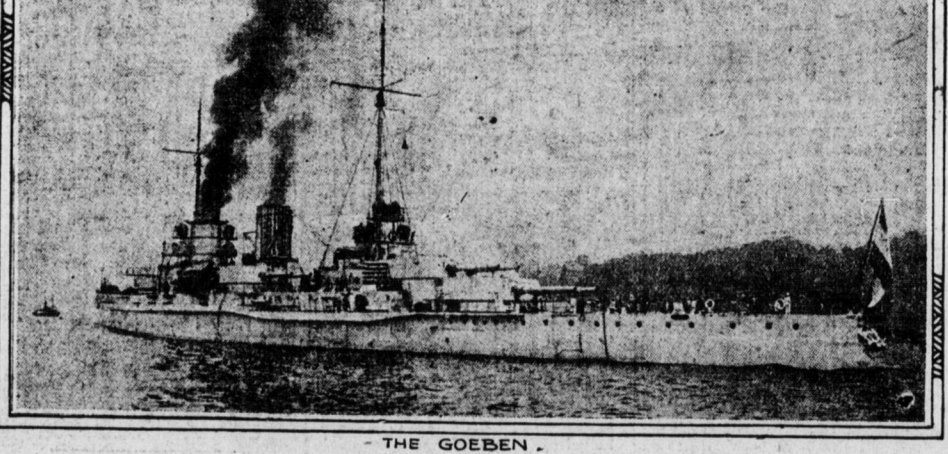
Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan. 8, Via London, 12.24 P. M.—Dispatches reaching here from Constantinople describe the situation in the Turkish capital as increasingly alarming. The local authorities appear to apprehend not only attacks from outside, but internal disorders as well. The archives of the state have been packed up ready for removal from the city and many of them have been sent away.

Preparations have been completed also for the removal of the treasury and locomotives are kept constantly under steam in the railroad yards of Stamboul to meet the possible necessity of conveying the officials of the government to a place of safety at short notice. Preparations have been made at Adrianople for the quartering of the state officials should eventualities close the Porte to decide to quit the present capital.

WALL STREET CLOSING

New York, Jan. 8.—Reading, Southern Pacific and Amalgamated were taken in advance in the final hour, but selling of Union Pacific and Pennsylvania checked the general rise. The closing was irregular. Greater breadth and activity were shown by to-day's market. Some material gains were made, mainly in special stocks.

GERMAN CRUISER DAMAGED BY STRIKING MINE



THE GOEBEN.
A despatch from Copenhagen says that word from Constantinople states that the German cruiser Goeben, which now flies the Turkish flag, has been very seriously damaged by Russian mines near the Bosphorus. This news, the despatch adds, has been kept a secret from the people of Turkey. The damage to the Goeben is so severe, it is stated, that at least three months will be required to repair the cruiser.