

BATTLE OF KUTNO MARKED BY HEAVIEST FIGHTING OF WAR IN RUSSIAN POLAND

Headquarters German Army in Poland, Dec. 20.—(By Courier to Berlin, Correspondence of the Associated Press).—From Kutno to the headquarters of General Mackensen's army to one of the divisions of which the Associated Press correspondent has been temporarily assigned runs one of the boggy trails over which the German transport service has done almost superhuman work in bringing forward ammunition and supplies for the operations against Warsaw for the past two months. Ammunition wagons with lighted loads barely are able to struggle along behind three span of horses.

The route runs for 57 miles through an almost continuous battlefield, scarred with Russian and German trenches. Kolo at a crossing on the Warthe river, was the scene of the first big engagement of the present campaign. The battle of Kutno was marked by some of the heaviest and most sanguinary fighting of the war. Loose lies 30 miles to the south of Kutno; Lowicz for the possession of which a great battle has just been waged, lies 35 miles east of Kutno, and the line of the Bzura and Rawa rivers, which forms the present dividing line between the Russian and the German armies is only eight or ten miles beyond Lowicz. All this battling has left its unmistakable imprint on the country. Trenches, some of them months old and others on which the upturned earth is still fresh and yellow run in all directions. Soldier graves dot the landscape, the German mounds marked by a cross and the spiked helmet of the fallen soldier, the rarer Russian graves usually showing the Russian cross with its double cross bar.

Kutno is the present head of the railway, which the German railway corps is rebuilding in the rear of the army at the rate of from five to eight miles daily. This railway had been destroyed again and again. The bridges on it, as General Von Ludendorff, Von Hindenburg's chief of staff, remarked, have been most of the time "in the air." Sidings here were full of Red Cross trains, admirably arranged coaches with the beds swung on springs to avoid jar. Each train has coaches for the surgeons and nurses and a fully equipped operating car in which urgent operations can be performed without delay.

Here at Kutno was also a field laundry in full operation. It is transported by automobile and can be brought into service almost before boiling water can be obtained.

At Kutno the first cases of cholera were reported. The whole region is "cholera suspect," but so far the disease has been confined almost entirely to the civil population.

Reports of Cannon Firing Untrue
Havana, Jan. 18.—The reports that cannon firing had been heard at sea last night off the coast near Havana were promptly investigated and found to be untrue. It seems that some blasting work was being done along the shore, and that these sounds were taken to be the Bristol, a British cruiser, believed to be the Bristol, is patrolling about five miles off the coast outside of Havana, having relieved another vessel thought to have been the cruiser Berwick.

DENIES BASEBALL DOG DEAL

Bresnahan Refutes Story That He Traded Pitcher Hopper to Springfield, Ill. Club For Animal

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Additional affidavits were filed to-day in the United States District Court by various officials of organized baseball supporting their contentions that the Federal League was not entitled to the relief asked in its suit for the dissolution of the National Commission and its affiliated clubs as violators of the Federal anti-trust act.

In one of the affidavits, Roger P. Bresnahan, now manager of the Chicago Nationals, denied that while manager of the St. Louis Nationals, he traded Booth Hopper, a pitcher, for a bird dog.

Bresnahan, with much detail told of meeting Hopper in Tennessee while on a hunting trip and of trying out the pitcher on a training trip and of seeing there a bird dog which he admired. The dog belonged to Hopper, the affidavit declared, and was offered by the owner to Bresnahan. The Bresnahan affidavit continued: "I told him that I could not use the dog as I then had five of my own. Just before the opening of the regular season, Mr. Kinsella, then manager and owner of the Springfield, Ill., baseball club, came to St. Louis in search of a pitcher. I told him we had a young man by the name of Hopper whom we were going to let out and if he wanted to talk with him and sign him for the Springfield club he could do so. Kinsella told me if Hopper developed and showed any ability at all he would give the St. Louis National League club the first opportunity to purchase the release that I had."

"During the conversation Kinsella had with Hopper at our club house, in St. Louis, Hopper again asked me to buy his dog as he needed money. Mr. Kinsella asked me if I wanted the dog. I told him I did, but as I then had five I would not buy it. Mr. Kinsella said he wanted to do something for me and if I would accept the dog he would buy it. I do not know what transaction Kinsella had with Hopper, but I do know that Hopper sent for his dog and Kinsella brought it to me at St. Louis."

The statement that I traded Hopper for a bird dog is an absolute falsehood and I would suggest that Mr. Hopper be communicated with, as he can verify my statements as can Kinsella."

MRS. WINFIELD EXONERATED

Grand Jury Ignores Charge and Pits Costs on the County

Mrs. Bertha Winfield, a mid-wife, of this city, was exonerated of a criminal charge of procuring an abortion when the Grand Jury of the January quarter sessions court ignored the bill against her. The costs were put upon the county.

The charge was brought by county officers after physicians had been called into a home in the lower end of the county where Mrs. Winfield had been acting in a professional capacity.

LAW-MAKERS WILL HOLD BRIEF SESSION TONIGHT

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Order Committee, which will have the local option bill in charge, and Baldwin, of Delaware, will head the Insurance Committee. Hagood, of McKean, will be chairman of the Printing Committee, and Wilson, of Jefferson, of the Judiciary General Committee, which disposes of the four candidates for Speaker who failed to connect. Other House committees are:

Other Committee Chairmen
James F. Woodward, Allegheny, Appropriations; Charles J. Roney, Philadelphia, Ways and Means; Thomas F. McNichol, Elections; S. J. Gans, Philadelphia, Health and Sanitation; W. D. Walton, Lawrence, Municipal, Corporations; M. K. Hoffman, Lancaster, Mines and Mining; E. E. Jones, Susquehanna, Roads; James G. Steele, Allegheny, Fisheries.

In the Senate the important place of chairman of the Committee on Executive Nomination—a new committee, to which all nominations made by the Governor will be referred—will be given to Senator Crow, of Fayette, chairman of the Republican State Committee, and he will also get the chairmanship of the Committee on Corporations. Senator Salus, of Philadelphia, will head the Law and Order Committee, which will deal with the local option measure if ever it gets as far as the Senate, and "Strawberry Jim" McNichol, of Philadelphia, will head the Elections Committee; Vane, of Philadelphia, will steer the Municipal Affairs Committee, and Spruiell, of Delaware, will continue to guide the Committee on Finance. Clark, of Erie, will be chairman of the Judiciary General Committee, and Snyder, of Schuylkill, will head the Judiciary Special, known during the last session as the "pickling vat."

Brief Sessions Tonight
The sessions tonight will be brief and no bills will be introduced until Wednesday, but arrangements will be completed for the inauguration of the new State officials to-morrow, and there may be a few committees arranged for to attend to special work. Governor Tener may have a few nominations of notaries, justices and such to send in, and that will be all that is expected from him.

The sessions to-morrow will be very brief and, outside of the formality of meeting, there will be nothing done in the House. In the Senate Frank B. McClain will take the oath of office as Lieutenant Governor, after which the Senate will return to the chamber and adjourn for the day, unless the Chair should announce the new committees, in which case the session will be prolonged for a while.

There is talk of both Senate and House adjourning on Wednesday until January 25 in order to permit the committees to get together and organize, and this would delay the actual work of beginning legislation until almost the close of the month.

WHOLE POLICE FORCE WILL BE ON DUTY IN AFTERNOON

Sixty-four of Harrisburg's "finest"—every member of the police force—will be on duty to-morrow afternoon to aid in the inaugural ceremonies. Most of the local policemen have been assigned to duty at intersections of streets along the route of the parade or at the stand, at Third and State streets, where the inaugural ceremonies will take place.

Standards for ropes were put in position this morning by the City Highway Department and early to-morrow ropes will be placed along the streets, the intersections to remain open until 10 o'clock, when all traffic on Market street will stop under police regulation. Policemen will report at the intersections at 12:45 o'clock and at 1 o'clock will have the streets cleared for the movement of the parade. Sergeant Page will have charge of the inaugural stand detail, which will include Patrolmen Essig, Blair, Bihl, Kelly, Cummings and Nalen.

All city street day force will work until 6:30 o'clock to-morrow evening. They will have an hour for supper and will again report at police headquarters at 7:30 o'clock. If the streets still are congested and the necessity arises, the day force will then be put to work again; if not, they will be dismissed.

No extra policemen will be on duty to-night, except the city executives, which will be augmented by several efficient detectives from Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. They are skilled plainclothesmen who know pickpockets on sight and will endeavor to clean the city of these gentry while the crowd is here. All professional pickpockets who are arrested, whether or not plying their trade, will be given ninety days in jail under the professional thief act.

The day force to-morrow will be in charge of Police Captain Thompson. Chief of Police Hutchison, who is colonel of the Eighth regiment, will command the provisional regiment of National Guard in the parade.

Clever Anita Stewart at the Photoplay

The Cleverest Photoplay to-day in a Broadway-Star Vitaphone production, "Two Women," ably supported by Earl Williams, Julia Swayne Gordon and Harry Northrup. This wonderful drama is throbbing with the deepest emotions and is highly dramatic. It gets over to you absolutely and unmistakably. Emerson, who is portrayed by Earl Williams, is humiliated and enters the unfaithfulness of his wife, Cleo, Julia Swayne Gordon, goes to the mountains immediately after his divorce, with a hatred for all womankind. There he meets Anita, of the woodland, beautiful and guileless. They gradually fall in love and amidst the setting of the North Woods, marries her. Later his faithless wife, who still loves him, tries to win him back in the absence of Anita. In the scene, make this wonderful drama one of the best Broadway productions ever released. To our patrons, pass-out checks will be given for the Inaugural Parade, when it approaches the theatre. Wednesday's feature, "Hearts and Masks," serial story which had been running in the Star-Independent.—Adv.

FRANK APPEAL DOCKETED

By Associated Press.
Washington, Jan. 18.—The habeas corpus appeal of Leo M. Frank, convicted of the murder of Mary Phagan, the Atlanta, Ga., factory girl, was docketed to-day in the Supreme Court.

The State of Georgia may now at any time have the case advanced for early hearing. Without such action it will not be reached in the regular course of business for nearly eighteen months.

BLUECOAT DENIES MEANING TO FIRE

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police record and was reputed to be a "bad character."

Scott himself said that Banks once cut a man with a razor and on another occasion beat a man with a pool cue. The policeman's story of the shooting coincided with those of the Commonwealth witnesses save in several important points, notably the conversations alleged to have been held between Scott and Banks.

Scott denied that he fired twice after Banks made the alleged threat that "I am going to tell your wife about you being down in the park with that woman." The patrolman said he heard no such remark and added that he drew his pistol only because he could not recover his nightstick which he had thrown at Banks.

Even then, he declared, it was not his intention to shoot, his drawing of the weapon simply being to scare Banks. He said the discharge of the gun was an accident.

Scott Under Cross-Examination
On cross-examination, the District Attorney called the accused bluecoat's attention to a statement, it is alleged Scott made to the county prosecutor immediately following the murder, in which it is held the accused declared he had intended to shoot over Banks' head. This Scott declared he could not recall as having said.

At the suggestion of the District Attorney, Scott placed the revolver, with which he shot Banks, in his hip pocket—the gun was not loaded—and then stood up in the witness stand and was advised to draw the pistol from his pocket and "fire" just as he had done when Banks was killed. Like a flash he pulled it from his pocket and pulled the trigger as he extended his arm.

Suggestions had been dropped during the hearing that had the shooting been accidental, as Scott contends, the revolver, when discharged, likely would have been held at an angle and the bullet would have taken an upward course instead of entering Banks' neck on a horizontal line.

The Commonwealth's Witnesses
The Commonwealth closed its case on Saturday afternoon after a dozen or more witnesses had been examined. Among them were half a dozen colored men and women, including Banks' brother, William, and Bella Brown, with whom Banks boarded, all of whom were dual witnesses to the shooting. All said that after he had daringly directed Banks to repeat an assertion connecting Scott's name with a woman not his wife.

They also said that after the shooting, when Banks lay prostrate on the floor of his home at 1119 Monroe street, Scott remarked: "No more talk about that." They alleged he subsequently said: "It's no use to holler now. It's all over."

GARZA MEXICO PRESIDENT

With Blanco, Robles and Vasconcelos, Deposed Head of Government Seeks Refuge in Pachuca

Mexico City, Jan. 18.—General Roque Gonzalez Garza was designated as Provisional President of Mexico Saturday night by the convention here, over which he has presided, to serve until January 1, 1916.

The former Provisional President, General Eulalio Gutierrez, together with Generals Blanco, Robles and Jose Vasconcelos, left Mexico City yesterday morning at 4 o'clock for Pachuca, fifty miles northeast.

In electing Garza, the convention declared itself supreme, and until a new President is elected has assumed all the legislative, executive and judicial powers.

Martial law has been proclaimed by General Garza and the city is patrolled by mounted police. He is the seventh man to take the office since the election of Porfirio Diaz for a six-year term in 1910. The news of the sudden change of affairs in Mexico City was received in Villista circles here last night.

Washington, Jan. 18.—When General Gutierrez left Mexico City yesterday morning he took with him most of the troops garrisoning the capital. State Department advisers indicated that Gutierrez' present command is 5,000 strong and officials here infer that few soldiers remained in the capital from the fact that the first act of General Garza, the new Provisional President, was to utilize the police force temporarily for military purposes.

The State Department is particularly anxious to know whether Gutierrez had abandoned all claims to the Provisional Presidency or had gone to Pachuca with part of his Cabinet to set up a government there in defiance of the conventionalist faction in Mexico City.

So far there has been no confirmation of reports that Villa and Zapata have broken off friendly relations.

ROTARY OFFICIALS HERE

Will Speak at Dinner at the Harrisburg Club To-night

Members of the executive committee of the International Association of Rotary Clubs arrived in this city at 3:15 o'clock this afternoon from Chicago to attend a dinner of the Harrisburg Rotary Club at 7 o'clock to-night at the banquet hall of the Harrisburg Club. They are Frank L. Mulholland, of Toledo, president of the international association; Chesley R. Perry, of Chicago, secretary; Arch C. Klumgh, of Cleveland, director, and William Gettysburg, of New York, city director.

To-morrow is the regular meeting night of the club, but it has been changed because of the inauguration.

Opposing Buying New Crusher

Thomas S. Manning, Republican minority member of the Dauphin County Directors of the Poor, this morning said he purposely neglected to sign the \$2,300 warrant to pay for the Alms-house stone crusher. He added he at all times has been opposed to buying a new stone crusher to hand out the workhouse plan. A second-hand stone crusher, "which would not cost much," he thought, would have been the thing to buy.

Coombs Signs With Brooklyn Nationals
Palestine, Tex., Jan. 18.—Jack Coombs, former pitcher for the Philadelphia Athletics, announced he had signed a contract here to-day with the Brooklyn Nationals.

BANKING INTEREST GETS 100,000 MILES RAILROADS

Samuel Untermyer Tells Federal Industrial Relations Commission About the Concentration of Money in the United States

New York, Jan. 18.—At the first hearing here to-day by the Federal Industrial Relations Commission in its investigation of the operations of the great philanthropic foundations, it was announced that Samuel Untermyer would be the first witness. Another witness at to-day's session will be Roger W. Babson, writer on economics. The session will be presided over by Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the Commission. Mr. Walsh arrived yesterday to go over the data obtained by a corps of investigators at work here for two weeks.

The commission plans to hear J. P. Morgan on Thursday and on Monday John D. Rockefeller, Jr., will testify.

At subsequent hearings George W. Perkins, John Hays Hammond, Andrew Carnegie, Dr. Charles W. Eliot, Daniel Guggenheim, Jacob H. Schiff, August Belmont, John Mitchell, Louis D. Brandeis, Professor Franklin H. Giddings, Samuel Gompers, Henry Ford, A. Barton Hepburn, Robert W. DeForest, Seth Low and many other prominent men, as well as women, will be called as witnesses.

Samuel Untermyer was questioned by Chairman Walsh as the first witness. He discussed socialism and socialistic charity at some length. The latter, he asserted, was necessary if the people were to receive relief.

The large charitable foundations, Mr. Untermyer thought, were ably managed and did much good. He believed, however, that they should be reorganized and should operate under federal charters rather than under charters granted by States.

Speaking of the concentration of money, Mr. Untermyer said he knew of a banking interest which, through the reorganization of insolvent railroads, had come into the control of 100,000 miles of railroads in the United States. When such a situation exists, the witness said, shareholders have no power at all in the management of the railroads and the trustees were controlled entirely by the banks.

Mr. Untermyer said he thought labor conditions in America had been more or less demoralized, and that poverty had been increased by the diversion of cash in certain directions.

"The illicit gathering of large quantities of money undoubtedly has caused considerable poverty," he declared. "It is true, however, that in the past four years this condition has not been so great as the concentration of power and capital of any kind is grossly unfair to labor."

Mr. Walsh questioned Mr. Untermyer about the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company. "It has been testified," said the commissioner, "that a certain large financial interest did not control the company because it only held 40 per cent of the stock."

"That is preposterous," replied the witness. "The stock is listed on the Exchange and many shares are in the hands of brokers. It would be necessary for a large financial interest to have but 10 per cent of the stock. When it wants to do anything with the corporation it just sends around to the brokers and gets the proxies."

Mr. Untermyer said it was rare when directors running a corporation from New York knew anything about the business. "They are just figure-heads," he said.

NO INK FOR COUNTY AUDIT

Two Members of the Board Report to Do Work County Controller Already Has Done

Francis W. Riegel and Fred W. Huston, two of the three Dauphin County Auditors who a fortnight ago organized for 1915 and decided to begin to-day auditing the 1914 accounts of County Treasurer A. H. Bailey, although the County Controller already has audited them, were this morning at their quarters in one of the two offices of County Controller. They were there this afternoon too.

John W. Cassel, president of the board, county officials said, had not reported until 2 o'clock and his colleagues would not say when he would arrive to aid in the work. At 10 o'clock this morning the auditors got a part of their supplies—half a dozen pencils, two scratch pads, a dozen pens, three penholders, half a dozen erasers and the report sheets.

They were told, they said, that the county's ink supply now is exhausted but that they would be given "some" as soon as another supply was obtained. Neither Riegel nor Huston would volunteer to say what auditing they intended to do, now that the County Controller has issued a report on the county's financial standing covering a complete audit.

Whether they will go through the same amount of work the board has done in other years, neither Riegel nor Huston would say, although one of them did declare, and emphatically too, that: "If the reporters don't let us alone we will bar them from coming into this room."

Riegel said he couldn't understand "why such a fuss is being made about us" although he added "if I cared to, I could give you enough stuff to fill a paper."

He then referred to alleged irregularities which he declared had attended the auditing work in years gone by. In the absence of Cassel, the two members "on duty" this morning said they did not think it right "to go and get the books and begin work." They said, however, that if Cassel did not appear by early afternoon one of the auditors thought the better policy would be to "start in without him."

Mines Resume on Open Shop Basis
Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 18.—A number of mines in the East Ohio coal field were opened to-day on the open shop basis, but reports to the officers of the United Mine Workers declared that comparatively few men were at work.

COURT HOUSE

10 COURT CASES CONTINUED

Tuesday's Cases Will Not Be Tried Until After Inaugural

The ten common pleas court cases listed for trial to-day either were settled or marked continued until the next term and the jurors were excused until Wednesday morning, to-morrow's session being postponed because of the inaugural ceremonies. The cases listed for trial on Tuesday will be taken up on Wednesday and others follow in order.

An agreement was reached in the suit of Harper T. Bressler vs. the Williams Valley Water Company, a cause listed for trial to-morrow, whereby judgment will be entered in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of \$3,000, the money to be paid with interest within thirty days. The costs are to be paid by the plaintiff.

Verdicts were taken in a dozen tax cases, by agreement of counsel, the total amount of which is \$4,242.78.

Wills Probated

The will of Henry D. Miller, late of Washington township, was probated this morning and letters testamentary granted to his daughter, Jennie E. Miller. No letters were granted on the estate of Peter Weaver, Williamstown, whose will was probated to-day. On the estate of Lydia Shuman, late of Jackson township, letters were issued to Minerva Forney. Walter S. Young, of Lykens, got letters on the estate of the late Carolina Kohler.

Damage Suit Filed

A claim for \$250 is contained in a damage suit filed to-day by Benjamin Behrens, of Hummelstown, against Dr. C. E. L. Keene, of this city. The plaintiff claims Dr. Keene, on October 17, last, backed his auto across Berryhill street, this city, so that it struck and wrecked Behrens market wagon. Mrs. Behrens, who was seated in the conveyance, it is alleged, was thrown out and injured. W. L. Looser filed the papers.

Marriage License

Charles Benskie and Mary Kozen, Williamstown.

SHIPS WRECKED IN BIG GALE

Twenty-one of Crew of British Steamer Penarth Drowned Off the Norfolk Coast

London, Jan. 18, 2:18 P. M.—Twenty-one men of the crew of twenty-seven of the British steamer Penarth were drowned to-day off the Norfolk coast. The Penarth was sailing for Hull from the River Plate. She struck Sheeringham shoal in a heavy gale and was a total wreck. Six survivors from the Penarth were picked up by a trawler. The Penarth was a small vessel of 1,915 tons net.

Another British steamer, the George Royle, is also believed to have been wrecked in the same locality. She left the Tyne for St. Nazaire, France. The flare of rocket signals was observed by the coast guard at Cromack but the steamer disappeared before the lifeboat reached the scene.

One of the George Royle's small boats has come ashore. The fate of the crew is not known. The George Royle sailed from Hull December 10. She was of 1,527 tons net.

DEATH OF CHARLES MILLER

Funeral of Spanish War Veteran to Be Held To-morrow

Charles K. Miller, 1631 Logan street, died on Friday morning after lingering illness. The funeral services will be held from his late home to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, the Rev. Amos Stamey officiating. Mr. Miller was a member of the Augsburg Lutheran church, a member of class 17 of the Sunday school and the R. L. F. and E. No. 673. He was a fireman on the Philadelphia division of the Pennsylvania railroad. He was a Spanish American war veteran, serving in Company I, Fourth regiment, doing foreign duty in Porto Rico. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Edna, his father, one sister and three brothers. Interment will be in the East Harrisburg cemetery.

Mrs. Elmina Darby

The funeral of Mrs. Elmina Darby, 78 years old, who died Saturday at her home, 446 Cumberland street, will be held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. Burial will be private. Mrs. Darby is survived by three sons, William F. Steelton; George W., this city, and L. Wayne.

Mrs. Catharine Myers

The funeral of Mrs. Catharine A. Myers, widow of George W. Myers, who died on Saturday afternoon, will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. A. S. Bachm, South Second street. Burial will be in the Harrisburg cemetery. She is survived by three children: Mrs. S. A. Brehm, of Steelton; Mrs. William Chambers and Mrs. George M. Coons, of Oberlin; Mrs. John Pope, of Uniontown; William H. Myers, of this city, and C. A. Rachter Myers, of Mechanicsburg.

Mrs. Sadie C. Yeager

The funeral of Mrs. Sadie C. Yeager, wife of A. L. Yeager, who died at the Harrisburg hospital Saturday, will be held at the home of her mother at Newport to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be private. The body was taken to Newport this afternoon at 1:40 o'clock by Undertaker Charles Mauk.

WHARTON FIVES CLASH

The Wharton School five of Harrisburg defeated the Wharton School five of Reading in Cathedral hall Saturday night by the score of 41 to 25. The Harrisburgers grabbed a safe lead at the start and were never topped. Gebhard and Brandt played Harrisburg's best game, while Chaffey and Keiser starred for Reading. The lineup: Reading: Chaffey, F., Kessack, (Captain), Moyer, F., Smith, Keiser, G., Wolfe, Stoner, G., Brandt, Nuss, G.

BOYS SING AT GETTYSBURG

Four local boys who were members of the Stough campaign booster club made a big hit Saturday and yesterday at Gettysburg. William Webster and Paul Cover, sopranos, and George Tomlinson and Robert Webster, alto, formed the quartet engaged to take part in special revival services being conducted by the Rev. Mr. Baker, rector of St. James' Evangelical Lutheran church there.

They were given a name by the pastor. He called them the "Knickerbocker" quartet, all the boys wearing knee breeches. The quartet sang at the evening service Saturday, and at five services yesterday. Several solos were rendered by William Webster. All the numbers were much enjoyed. The boys were accompanied by and were under the direction of R. F. Webster, one of the executive committee of the Stough campaign.

To Await Call for Funds

At a meeting of the Sons of Italy yesterday afternoon at the headquarters, 321 Market street, there was some discussion about raising funds for the relief of victims of the earthquake in Italy, but definite action was postponed until the national officers of the society in New York City send out the call for financial assistance.

GYPSY VIOLINIST NONETTE IS BACK AFTER TOUR OF THE WORLD



Local theatre-goers will undoubtedly be interested in the return engagement of Nonette, the Gypsy violinist, who after a tour of the world, returns to the Orpheum this week.

It is now about four years since Nonette was at the Orpheum for the last time, having been abroad in the meantime, but the management lost no time in securing her for Harrisburg as soon as she returned. Nonette will add her charms to the Orpheum's all-star inaugural bill.—Adv.

CAPITOL HILL

FIRE PROTECTION CIRCULAR

States Fifty Per Cent of Blazes in This County Are Caused by Carelessness

State Fire Marshal Baldwin has issued a circular for fire protection embodying the resolutions of the National Association of Credit Men in which carelessness in the matter of fire is ascribed as the cause of fifty per cent. of the conflagrations in this country and calling on business men to be watchful. Marshal Baldwin says:

"The sound business proposition contained in these resolutions if carried out, and they can be co-operation, will mean a decided reduction in the fire loss and a consequent reduction in premium rates, which are increasing and will continue to increase, until decided and continued action is taken by all classes of citizens for fire prevention."

Public Service Commission

The Public Service Commission will begin its regular session to-morrow morning, when Walter H. Gaither, the new Commissioner, will sit with the Commission for the first time. The Commission will dispose of a large number of applications for charters and take up a number of proposed contracts between municipalities and public utility companies.

Electrocution Fixed

Governor Tener to-day fixed the week of April 5 for the electrocution of Nicolo Mordallo, the Fayette county murderer. Mordallo murdered a woman named Lillian Leonard.

MURDER APPEAL POSTPONED

Supreme Court Delays Action in the Case of Morgenthau

Argument before the State Supreme Court, sitting in Philadelphia, on the appeal in the Max Morgenthau murder case, in an effort to have the degree of the defendant's offense reduced from first to second degree murder, will not be presented until February 22. The case was to have been taken up this afternoon or to-morrow, but, with others, was continued because of the inauguration to-morrow of Governor-elect Brumbaugh.

Morgenthau shot and mortally wounded John Rupp, a Shiremanstown farmer, on May 21, last, after Rupp had gone to his yard to prevent what he believed was an attempt to rob his henhouse. Morgenthau is a Harrisburg man. He pleaded guilty to the general charge of murder and the court, after hearing some testimony, fixed the crime as murder in the first degree and sentenced him to die in the electric chair.

Philadelphia Closing Prices

By Associated Press.
Philadelphia, Jan. 18.—Stocks closed steadily:
Cambria Steel 44
General Asphalt 32
do pfd 67 1/2
Lake Superior Cor. 9
Lehigh Navigation 7 1/2
Penna. R. R. 53 1/2
Pha. Electric 23 1/2
Pha. Company 33
do pfd 34
P. R. T. 10
Reading 7 1/2
Storage Battery 48
Union Traction 36
W. G. L. 82 1/2
U. S. Steel 51 1/2

Chicago Grain Market Closing