



FIRE CO.'S HORSE IS KILLED IN A CRASH

Friendship Steamer Is
Wrecked in Subway
After Three Big
Roans Dash Unguided
for a Block Down
Front Street

2 MEN HURLED FROM MACHINE

Driver Injured When
Tossed Fifteen Feet
Into Snow Bank—
Firemen on Rear of
Apparatus Try in
Vain to Seize the
Reins—Damaged En-
gine Will Be Repaired
With Motor Power
Equipment

Running without a guiding hand from Front and Chestnut street where John Radle was thrown from the driver's seat and injured, the three big roan horses drawing the Friendship steam fire engine this morning tore madly down Front street into the subway at Mulberry street, where John, the off horse was almost instantly killed by crashing against an upright supporting the Cumberland Valley railroad tracks. The engine was hurled against the upright and was smashed so badly that it was put out of commission and will be sent to the factory for repairs.

This accident will result in hastening the purchasing of a motor tractor for the Friendship engine, as it is the first on the schedule to be equipped in this way. It will go at once to the factory for such equipment, according to a plan announced by Fire Commissioner M. Harvey Taylor.

The engine was responding to an alarm from Box No. 12, Front and Dock streets, at 8.30 o'clock, with Radle, whose home is 1611 Caranation street, in the driver's seat and Joseph Demma, 310 South Second street; John Bretz, 302 South Second street, and Theodore Magnelli, 112 South Second street, riding on the rear. A mail wagon was drawn up along the curb of Front street, near Chestnut, and Radle made a wide turn into Front street to avoid a collision.

The heavy steamer skidded against the curbstone just below the corner and Radle was thrown fifteen feet from his seat into the snow in the river front park. He was dazed for a minute but suffered no other injury than a badly wrenched knee. Magnelli was thrown from the back of the steamer, but was unhurt.

Try to Climb to Driver's Seat
Seeing Radle thrown from his post both Demma and Bretz started to climb over the side of the engine to reach the driver's seat in an attempt to get control of the horses before they entered the narrow passageway beneath the railroad. The three spirited steeds were plunging wildly and careened and skidded so badly that the men were unable to reach the seat. Both jumped off just before the crash came. Neither was injured.

John, the horse at the right side of the trio, ran headlong against the strong upright and crumbled into a heap after breaking through a heavy wooden guard. The steamer skidded around and crashed against upright amidships. The pumping mechanism suffered from the blow and it is entirely out of commission. All of the connections, too, were loosened. The driver's seat was crushed and the right front wheel was dished.

The other two horses, Harry and Dick, behaved admirably under the circumstances and though quivering, stood amid the wreckage until members of the engine crew extricated them. John suffered a fractured skull and died a minute after the accident.

Traffic in the subway was stopped, but fortunately all of the other fire apparatus, responding to the alarm, had gone through the subway. Police Sergeant Drabenstadt pressed into a

SHE DODGES 200 MISSILES AS THE STOVE BLOWS UP

Mrs. Bamberger Suf-
fers Not a Scratch
When Range Ex-
plodes 3 Feet Away

CHAIR SHE SITS ON IS SHATTERED

Hunks of Iron Are Imbedded In-
deep in Woodwork All About High-
spire Woman, Whose Charmed Life
Saves Her

Though fragments of an exploding kitchen stove flew past her in all directions as she was seated at a sewing machine, not three feet away, Mrs. Emanuel D. Bamberger, not only had a marvelous escape from death in the dining room of her home, Jure street, Highspire, late yesterday afternoon, but did not suffer even so much as a scratch.

Mrs. Bamberger had completed her weekly baking earlier in the afternoon. The fire in the range being low, she cleared away the ashes and placed wood on the dying embers. When the wood had caught, fresh coal was placed in the firebox to insure a good fire for cooking the evening meal.

Adjoining the dining room is a small kitchen containing one window. After attending to the fire, Mrs. Bamberger pulled her sewing machine in front of this window and, seated on a chair with her back to the range, three feet away, commenced to sew. Ten minutes had passed, when there was a sudden upheaval like a miniature earthquake and a report like the crack of a mortar gun in action. Fragments of what once was a beautiful No. 9 range were show-

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AFRICA SEES BRUMBAUGH

Rumor Current That Huntingdon Man
Will Succeed State Highway
Commissioner Bigelow

Among the callers on Governor Brumbaugh yesterday afternoon was J. Murray Africa, of Huntingdon, whose name has been mentioned as being under consideration by the Governor for State Commissioner of Highways when the Highway Department is organized as under consideration by the Governor. It was said that Mr. Africa's call was purely a personal one, the first opportunity he had to pay his respects to his old Huntingdon county neighbor on his induction into office, but there were those who profess to see in the call something more than one of congratulation, and the story still prevails that Mr. Africa will be placed at the head of the State Highway Department on the expiration of the term of Commissioner Bigelow in June.

Governor Brumbaugh has asked that it be made as widely known as possible that he desires suggestions in the matter of framing a good road law to do away with many vexations that are still preventing the making of the roads of the State what they should be, and it was suggested that Mr. Africa's call was to give the Governor some hints as requested, as Mr. Africa is one of the best-known civil engineers in the State and has been at the head of a number of big undertakings.

13TH STREET THEATRE LEASED

The William Penn to Be Run By Man-
agers of Family Theatre, Feb. 15

Announcement was made to-day that the new William Penn motion picture theatre, Thirteenth street, near Derry, has been leased by Heimblinder & Gold, of Brooklyn, for a period of five years. They will assume management on February 15. The theatre was completed by Bender Brothers, the owners, a few months ago and they started to operate it about October 1.

The firm that has leased this picture house assume control of the Family theatre, Third and Harris streets, a motion picture house, on December 1, so that the company will now have control of two theatres in this city.

BRUMBAUGH FINDS CELLAR WET

Official Inquiry Shows Cause of Moist-
ure in Executive Mansion

Unhealthful dampness in the basement of the Governor's mansion on North Front street, resulted in a search for a bursted steam or water pipe, made to-day by the City Highway Department and Samuel B. Rambo, State Superintendent of Public Grounds and Buildings.

A superficial examination made by Highway Commissioner Lynch led him to conclude that frost left a small crevice between the ground and the building wall, permitting water to get in, causing the dampness.

15,000 'Quake Victims in Rome
By Associated Press.
Rome, Jan. 22, 9.50 P. M.—The number of injured who have been brought here from the earthquake zone to be cared for has now reached 15,000.

GRADING LEAVES HILDRUP MANSION FAR ABOVE LEVEL

Handsome Homestead,
Long a Landmark, Is
Now on Embank-
ment Eight Feet High

MAY HAVE TO BE TORN DOWN

Viewers Allow Present Owner Not
Damages of \$1,987—Experts Say
It Will Be Necessary to Spend
Thousands for Safety of Structure

The handsome old Hildrup homestead, a large brick mansion which has long been a landmark situated on the ground between Mulberry and Hildrup and Nineteenth and Nelson streets, on Allison Hill, may have to be razed as a result of the grading of three street sections—parts of Nineteenth, Hildrup and Mulberry streets.

The house, which for more than fifty years has been associated with the Hildrup family home, and which now is owned and occupied by Arthur F. Nelson, faces the intersection of Mulberry and Nelson streets. The grading of the streets left the house standing about eight feet above the grade line of Mulberry street, while the rear of the plot on which the home is situated, the part that is not improved, ranges from six to seven feet below the grade of Hildrup and Nineteenth streets.

Paul G. Smith, James D. Saltzman and Harry C. Wright, a board of viewers, appointed by the court to assess damages and benefits incident to the opening and grading of these three street sections, to-day presented their schedules in which they allow Nelson \$3,097 damages, but they also assess him benefits amounting to \$1,110, so that his share for damages really nets him \$1,987.

Beautiful Driveway Ruined
At the hearings before the viewers Nelson claimed damages amounting to \$3,800. The viewers this morning said they calculated the damages and benefits, just as they do in all other cases, upon the theory that the affected land can be converted into building lots. Real estate men who testified before the viewers declared that it will be absolutely necessary for Nelson to raze the homestead unless he goes to an expense of several thousand dollars to build a retaining wall around his property.

A beautiful winding driveway which

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RECORD U. S. COTTON CROP

1914-15 Production Estimated to Be
Close to 16,000,000 Bales, Ex-
ceeding Figures of 1911

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 23.—A record cotton crop for the 1914-15 season was indicated in the Census Bureau's report to-day showing 14,907,942 running bales had been ginned prior to January 16. Ginnings from January 1 to 15 amounted to 460,149 bales and exceeded those of that period in any previous year, exceeding the record production year of 1911, by almost 400,000 bales. Until the Census Bureau's final ginning report is issued on March 20, the exact size of the 1914 cotton crop will not be known but it is believed it will be larger than the 1911 record which was 15,553,073 running bales. It depends upon the quantity ginned from January 16 to the end of the season, which in 1911 amounted to 1,037,274 and for the past five years has averaged 485,596 bales. Should as much be ginned as in 1911, this year's crop would be close to 16,000,000 bales.

STUDENT THROUGH SKYLIGHT

U. of P. Freshman Seriously Injured In
Escaping From Hazers

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Jan. 23.—Ronald Israel, of this city, a freshman at the University of Pennsylvania, in an attempt to escape from hazers early to-day, fell through a skylight and was seriously injured.

Israel was being taken from his room in a university dormitory to another building when he broke away from his captors and tried to escape. He trusted his weight to a skylight, but the glass broke and he fell fifty feet and was injured internally. The injured student made an effort to exonerate the hazers from blame, saying that he took a chance to escape.

SUNBURY HOTEL BURNED

Guests at the Cate Escape in Night
Clothes—Loss \$25,000

By Associated Press.

Sunbury, Pa., Jan. 23.—The Hotel Cate, a four-story brick structure here, was destroyed by fire to-day. The loss is \$25,000.

Guests at the hotel saved little of their belongings, having been compelled to escape in their night clothes,

YAMA YAMA BOYS AND GIRLS WHO WILL HELP MAKE THINGS LIVELY IN "PAPA'S DAUGHTERS"



The youngsters in the Yama Yama chorus will help to make things lively in the production of "Papa's Daughters," at the Majestic theatre on Monday and Tuesday evenings for the benefit of the Harrisburg Polyclinic hospital. They have been well drilled for their parts, and to their training they have added their own ideas about fun-making, promising to provide pleasing entertainment while they are on the stage.

The Yama Yama girls are Agnes Henry, Miriam Craiglow, Jessie Parrish, May Gross, Mildred Rowe, Caroline Roth, Hazel Parrish, Mildred Lease, Roselle Stanford and Sara Hetrick. The

Yama Yama boys: Charles Crist, Percy Walker, John Shumberger, William Diener, Fred Morgan, George Young, 3d., Dana Christman, John Koch, Charles Cox and Lewis May.

A dress rehearsal was held this afternoon at the Majestic, and a very few details will complete the arrangements for the production of the operetta. The cast and choruses, numbering 125 persons, have worked steadily at their parts for some time. There will be thirty musical successes of the season, and the singers will be accompanied by an orchestra of ten pieces.

One of the stellar performers in the constellation of local stars will be Dr. Byron Stanley Behney, who first gained

laurels in a theatrical way while a student at the University of Pennsylvania. While there he was a member of the university quartet and also of the Mask and Wig Club. He has had prominent parts in many amateur performances since then, notably with the Carlisle Elks.

"Doc" is said to have great ability along dramatic lines, and instances cited by his friends are his alleged successes in "The Burgomaster," in which he was the Burg, and in "Mare Antony," in which he was the Mark. He is said to be able to sing around anything of his weight in these parts and his resources are thought to be unlimited.

THINK CARLISLE IS WHITE HOUSE REVOLVER TROTTER

Police Say Man, With
Pistol, Seized Near
President. Is Spang-
ler, Eccentric Farmer

LOCKED UP FOR TEST OF SANITY

Cumberland County Authorities Say
Prisoner Held in Washington Had
Hallucinations That His Enemies
Were Trying to Poison Him

(Special to the Star-Independent.)

Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 23.—Theodore Spangler, the farmer who, according to a dispatch from Washington, D. C., was arrested yesterday when he was a short distance from the White House and who was relieved of a revolver after he said his mission was to see President Wilson, is believed to be a man who for years has lived in a hut along the Walnut Bottom road, seven miles west of town.

Spangler now is in a Washington asylum, where he is being held for observation as to his mental condition. Residents here say he is demented and that he has hallucinations that some one is attempting to poison him. That is the story he told the Washington police when arrested on suspicion.

The police here say that Spangler's wife divorced him several years ago and, with her three children, a daughter and two sons, moved to Philadelphia, where they now are living. One of the boys is a graduate of Dickinson College and the other a graduate of the Vanderbilt University.

Prior to the Spanglers' domestic troubles, which resulted in the divorce, the police say, Spangler's home was destroyed by fire and Mrs. Spangler subsequently made complaint that she and her children were forced by the father and husband to live in a pig pen.

This story was brought out when the wife sued for maintenance and it also is said that Spangler offered to his attorney a wagon load of rotten apples as counsel fees. The pranks of farmer boys, who, it is said, delighted in shooting a harmless colored liquid into the keyholes of the Spangler house, led the old man to believe that his "enemies" meant to poison him.

Neighbors say Spangler became so enraged at this that he locked all the first floor windows and doors, stopped up the keyholes and crevices and gained entrance and egress through a second-story window by use of a ladder. He has not been seen in the neighborhood of his home since one day more than a week ago, when he went down the road with a pack on his back.

Controller Is Somewhat Better
County Controller Henry W. Gough, 1401 South Cameron street, who is confined to the house due to an attack of grip, was somewhat improved to-day and hopes to be back at his desk on Monday.

WANT BUILDING HERE FOR LOCAL BRANCH OF U. OF P.

Students and Faculty Members at
Smoker Start Movement to Try to
Induce the Legislature to Make the
Necessary Appropriation

At the smoker last night of the Harrisburg Branch of the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Commerce and Finance, the ball was started rolling for the erection by State appropriation of a building in this city for the carrying on of the work of the branch.

Dr. Samuel Z. Shope, of the Rotary club extension school committee, in a short address to the students, stated that he is now having a bill prepared asking the Legislature for an appropriation large enough for the erection of a branch building of the University of Pennsylvania here and that he will ask Senator Beidleman to introduce it some time during the present session.

Dr. Shope's suggestion was greeted by cheers of "Our New Building! Our New Building!" by the 175 students and faculty members who crowded the assembly room of the Engineers' Club, Front and Chestnut streets. The students pledged their support in the effort to make the Harrisburg branch of the University the most important in the State. At present the Wharton branch classes meet in the fourth floor assembly room of the Technical High school building.

WANT GYPSY TO CAST "SPELL"

Chief of Police Hears of It and Chases
Nomads Out of Town

Three women and three men, a band of Roumanian gypsies, who established themselves in Hoffman's woods and attempted to earn a living by telling fortunes were ordered out of the city by Chief of Police Hutchison this morning. He heard that a Harrisburg woman had given one of the number a ring in order that the fortune teller would cast a "spell" over one of her acquaintances and immediately got busy.

One of the women and a man were found walking on Market street this morning and they were taken to police headquarters where the woman was held until the others turned up and promised to leave the city.

HAND CAUGHT IN MACHINE

Highspire Man Is Whirled About On
River Flat

George A. Gross, of Highspire, an engineer and pumpman on the Susquehanna river fleet of the Harrisburg Light and Power Company, miraculously escaped death last yesterday afternoon when he caught his hand in the whirling cogs in the pumping mechanism on which he was working.

He was whirled about striking the air several times but escaped striking any of the other heavy machinery nearby. The little finger of his left hand was cut off, the ring finger fractured and the middle finger crushed. He was taken first to his home in Highspire and later to the Harrisburg hospital for treatment.

JUDGE KINSEY DIES TO-DAY

Well-Known Philadelphia Jurist Had
Been Ill Long Time

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Jan. 23.—John L. Kinsey, judge of the common pleas court, died at his home in this city to-day. Judge Kinsey, who had been ill for a long while, was 69 years old.

Previously to becoming a judge in 1907 he had served for twelve years as City Solicitor and fourteen years as Assistant District Attorney. Judge Kinsey was a leader in the Republican party.

STREET PAVING IS PRACTICALLY AT STANDSTILL

City Commissioners
Say That Only Two
Miles Can Be Done
in Present Year

TWO FUNDS ARE NEAR EXHAUSTION

Moneys Provided for Street Intersec-
tions and for Work in Front of
Non-assessable Properties Are Fast
Ebbing Away

With only \$8,868 remaining in the fund out of which the paving of street intersections is paid for and an insignificant balance in the fund from which claims for paving in front of non-assessable properties are satisfied, the City Commissioners now figure that the paving work done in 1915 will be even less than that of last year, when less than two and a half miles of streets were paved.

They also point out that unless provisions are made for raising money with which to pay for the paving of street intersections and in front of non-assessable properties, the paving work in 1916 will be reduced to practically nothing. The Commissioners say this is all due to the fact that the voters in 1913 defeated the \$50,000 paving loan.

One solution for the perplexing situation, the Commissioners say, is to ask the voters to approve a paving loan at the fall election, but City Commissioners are to be elected next fall.

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LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

A complete change in the eastern campaign, such as would mark a new period of the war, is expected by officers of the Russian general staff. They say that the German and Austrian military chiefs have abandoned aggressive movements against Warsaw and are concentrating troops in Hungary to repel the Russian invaders in Bukovina, Eastern Galicia and Northern Hungary. It is in this section, rather than on the Warsaw front, that the heavy fighting of the next few weeks is looked for in Petrograd.

Fishermen reaching a Dutch port to-day assert that they saw in the North sea a wrecked airship, their description of which corresponded to one of Germany's fleet of Zeppelins. Reports last night, which later were discredited, were to the effect that Zeppelins had again visited the English coast.

In France and Belgium military activity is at low ebb, except along the eastern end of the front. In Alsace and the Argonne desperate fighting continues, without important advantages for either side. Minor victories are reported to-day in both the French and German official statements.

Two steamers flying the American flag will soon be at sea, each bound for Germany and each selling with the party.

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6 KILLED IN AIRSHIP RAID ON DUNKIRK

German Aviators Drop
Eighty Bombs in At-
tack From Sky on
French City

SIXTEEN INJURED BY THE MISSILES

One of the Raiding Machines Is Report-
ed to Have Been Brought Down at
Great Dunes and the Two Occupants
Killed

Paris, Jan. 23.—A semi-official note issued last night says that a number of German aviators attacked Dunkirk yesterday, throwing eighty bombs. The victims numbered twenty-two, six of whom are dead. A large warehouse was set afire by one of the bombs.

French and English aviators, who chased the German aeroplanes, brought down one at Gray Dunes, on the Belgian frontier. Its two occupants were made prisoners.

London, Jan. 23, 2.50 A. M.—The correspondent of the "Daily Mail" at Havre, in his report on the aeroplane attack on Dunkirk yesterday says:

"Several German aeroplanes dropped bombs on Dunkirk Friday afternoon. One of them was brought down at Great Dunes, between Dunkirk and Furnes, and the two German airmen this machine contained were killed. Ten unexploded bombs were still attached to the aeroplane."

Amsterdam, Via London, Jan. 23, 10.29 A. M.—A British airman to-day dropped bombs on the important Bruges, Belgium docks, according to news which has reached here. The result of the attack is not yet known. The aviator escaped unhurt although he was attacked by the Germans.

Dover, Via London, Jan. 22, 11.57 P. M.—It was reported here to-night that a Zeppelin was seen over Ostend to-day.

Dispatches from Cromer, England, Friday night contained reports that aircraft had passed over that place and that preparations had been made to resist an aerial attack. Preparations were made in the surrounding towns but no attack developed so that it appeared that the reports about the invading aircraft were baseless.

London, Jan. 23, 2.47 P. M.—Fishermen arriving at Noordwijk to-day assert, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Leyden, that they saw an airship founder in the North Sea on Friday night. The fishermen, the message adds, were unable to assist the air craft. The description of the vessel given by the men indicates that it was a Zeppelin. Noordwijk is a watering place of the Netherlands, seven miles northwest of Leyden.

TURKS FORCE RUSSIANS TO RETREAT WITH BIG LOSSES

Constantinople, Via Amsterdam and London, Jan. 23, 8.55 A. M.—An official communication regarding the fighting up in the Caucasus has been issued by the Turkish government as follows:

"The Russian main forces which failed in an attempt to encircle our left wing, retreated before our counter attack. Our troops are now pursuing the enemy."

(Previous Russian and Turkish official communications have indicated that the latest fighting was around Karabagh-Urgan in Transcaucasia, just over the Turkish border.)

Speaking of the fighting in Arabia, in the region of the Persian gulf, the Turkish communication continues:

"On Thursday the British forces, assisted by three gunboats, attacked our troops near Kurna, (located at the junction of the Euphrates and Tigris rivers) but were completely defeated and forced to retreat with severe losses, while our losses were insignificant."

Swiss Frontier Troops Reinforced
Paris, Jan. 23, 4.45 A. M.—The Swiss troops have been reinforced along certain sections of their frontier on account of the uncertainty of the situation, according to telegram information received here from Geneva.