

SCHOOLS CLOSED THIS AFTERNOON BY BAD WEATHER

10,000 Children Have Half Holiday Because of Icy Pavements and Danger of Wet Feet

RAIN TO LAST ALL TO-MORROW

Groundhog Not Expected to See His Shadow, Which Means an Early Spring—River Will Rise Rapidly But Not to the Flood Stage Here

Half slipping, half wading, Harrisburg went about its business this morning. A heavy rain fell persistently on the snow of yesterday, making one of the most disagreeable days of the winter. The little ray of hope in the weather situation is that the rain, which will continue to-night and probably all day to-morrow, may wash away a good part of the slush. Walking was so bad in the morning that the school authorities ordered that no sessions of school be held this afternoon.

Br'er Groundhog will, from indications to-day, come out of his burrow to-morrow and disport himself in slippery mess without the possibility of being frightened to death by his shadow. His not seeing his shadow will indicate that spring is nigh; but if the weather man is wrong in his forecast and the sun does peep out long enough and with sufficient strength to throw a shadow of the groundhog, six weeks longer will Harrisburg suffer the ravages of a hard winter.

The combination of atmospheric conditions that have been Harrisburg's lot this season was responsible for the bad weather to-day. Beginning early Sunday morning light snow began falling and continued until late yesterday afternoon when it turned to sleet and then rain. Two inches of snow had fallen when rain started.

Some pavements had been cleared of snow and on these dangerous ice formed. The streets became slushy swamps and the climax was reached this morning, when they became miniature rivers. Conditions were made somewhat better by large forces of men put to work cleaning intersections, by the City Highway Department, but this was only after most workers had gone to their places of employment.

Half Holiday for Schools

The 10,000 school children turned up in the schools this morning, almost all with wet feet, and the school authorities ordered that no sessions of school be held this afternoon.

\$300,000 MORE NEEDED FOR CAPITOL PARK EXTENSION

Legislature Will Be Asked to Appro- priate That Amount—Original \$2, 000,000 Did Not Provide For Late Improvements

The Capitol Park Extension Commission needs more money to make the purchase of the land in the extension zone. Of the 537 properties the commission has bought all but 107, and these must be bought before June 1, 1917, when the time allotment will expire. To the end that the entire purchase may be made, Senator Beidleman will this evening introduce a bill in the Senate appropriating \$300,000 for that purpose.

When the original estimates were made, and before the Governor signed the bill appropriating \$2,000,000 to purchase the properties and pay all expenses attendant thereon, it was thought that amount of money would be sufficient, but it is found that after the estimates were made—and at a time when it was doubtful whether the bill would receive executive approval—a number of improvements had been made and additional buildings constructed over which the commission had no control. This, the commissioners say, makes the \$300,000 additional necessary.

Some of the legislators who originally voted against the park proposition, and are in the present Legislature, now regard it as an exceedingly good purchase for the State and favor the idea of the increased appropriation.

The first property was purchased just three years ago to-day and the work of purchasing, disposing of properties and having the buildings removed has progressed until all but 107 of the 537 have been acquired by the State, and some of the properties annexed have been set aside and are now in use for office purposes. It is anticipated that there will be no serious opposition to the increased appropriation. The commissioners will go before the appropriation committees and show the progress of the work during the last three years.

Arm Mangled in Wringer

Paradise, Feb. 1.—While the family of J. I. Deulinger was engaged in washing this morning, their 6-year-old son, Paul, had his arm caught and badly mangled in the wringer which is operated by a gasoline engine. The boys arm came in contact so tightly that it stopped the machinery.

USE "NON DE PLUMES" IN BIDDING ON FIRE HOUSE

Architects Are Required to Adopt Assumed Names in Their Estimates to Insure Fairness—"Triangle," Who Wins, Proves to Be C. H. Lloyd

Plans drawn by C. Howard Lloyd, of this city, for the proposed Royal Fire Company engine house, which is to be erected by the City at a cost not to exceed \$7,500, were to-day accepted by M. Harvey Taylor, Commissioner of Parks and Town Property, who adopted a brand new method of selecting the architect. The plans were submitted in competition, the architects using "non de plumes," so that there would be no suggestion of favoritism being shown. Lloyd's "non de plumes" was "Triangle."

One other set of plans was submitted, the architect signing the name of "Jack Axe." Commissioner Taylor decided to accept the "Triangle" plans after both sets had been examined by himself, a committee from the Royal Fire Company, Fire Chief John C. Kindler and Assistant Fire Chief Edward C. Halbert.

Lloyd will prepare the specifications at once and contractors, within a week or ten days, will be asked to submit bids for the erection of the new fire house.

KREIDER PLANS BIG PLANT

Congressman Negotiating Here and in Lebanon for Inducements for Set- ting Up \$2,500,000 Enterprise

Congressman Aaron S. Kreider, of Anville, who operates shoe factories in that place, Middletown, Palmyra and Elizabethtown, is considering establishing a big new manufacturing and distributing plant and says he will put it either in Harrisburg or in Lebanon. His decision, it is understood, depends on the inducements offered by the respective cities.

The Congressman stated inducements have been offered him by Lebanon and he also is seeking to learn what Harrisburg has to offer.

In addition to the manufacturing companies located near here, there are distributing agencies in New York, Pittsburgh, Chicago and St. Louis, the controlling interest being owned by Mr. Kreider. It is his plan, he says, to combine all of these units into one central company with a capitalization of \$2,000,000 or \$2,500,000.

The site selected for the new plant will be a distributing center for all of the present plants, which will be maintained where they are now, and, in addition, will be a cutting center for soles and for the manufacture of what is known as "stained shoes," barefoot sandals and boy scout shoes, the present plants not having the facilities for the manufacture of these in sufficient numbers.

MUST FACE ANOTHER TRIAL

Mrs. Florence Carman, Alleged Slayer of Mrs. Bailey, to Be Tried Sec- ond Time for Murder

By Associated Press.—After a conference last night with William Bailey, whose wife was shot and killed in the office of Dr. Edwin Carman in this village on June 30, District Attorney Lewis J. Smith, of Nassau county, announced that Mrs. Florence Conklin Carman is to be placed on trial again, accused of the murder.

The first trial last October resulted in a disagreement and since Mrs. Carman has been at liberty on a bond of \$25,000. District Attorney Smith in his announcement stated that he would try to have the second trial started at the regular term of court in Mineola in May or early in June.

Mrs. Bailey, whose home was in Hempstead, was consulting Dr. Carman professionally in his office, which was in his home here, on the night of June 30, when some one on the lawn broke a pane of glass in a window, thrust in a pistol and fired one shot. The bullet killed Mrs. Bailey.

WATER WAGON REDUCES FINES

But \$54 Collected in Police Court Dur- ing Month of January

The New Year's water wagon has decreased the city's revenues to such an extent that the month of January, when that vehicle has the greatest number of passengers, will break a record in the police department. But \$54 in fines was collected in police court during the month.

The number of arrests will likely prove to be a record-breaker, also. As against the usual average of 180 arrests per month, the police docket shows but 139 arrests, and during the month there were fourteen arrests made in Harrisburg for other cities. The previous low month in the matter of fines collected was during former Mayor Mealis' administration, when but \$60 was collected.

BLOCKED TROLLEY TRAFFIC

Man Stood on Track in Market Square Until Removed By Policeman

A man, who gave his name as D. A. Kelly, had to be moved from the trolley track in Market square at 11.45 o'clock Saturday night by Policeman Graham to allow the cars to depart without bowling him over, according to a report made to Chief of Police Hutchison.

Kelly stationed himself on the track and refused to move or listen to reason and the policeman was obliged to lock him up, the report continues. He was given a hearing this afternoon by Mayor Royal.

DROPS DEAD IN A BILLIARDS GAME

R. R. Van Tine, of Bar- bar Asphalt Com- pany, Succumbs in Holtzman's Store

STRICKEN AFTER MAKING "RUN"

Falls Backward From the Table and Breathes His Last in Three Minutes —Widely Known in Harrisburg Through Business Activities Here

R. R. Van Tine, traveling representative of the Barber Asphalt Company, of Philadelphia, dropped dead at 1.40 o'clock this afternoon while playing billiards with another traveling man in the Holtzman billiard rooms, 323 Market street.

The men had been playing scarcely twenty-five minutes when Van Tine, who had just finished a short "run," reeled and fell backward to the floor. He became unconscious almost immediately and in three minutes died. Dr. M. L. Wolford pronounced him dead and coroner Jacob Eckinger permitted his body to be removed to the undertaking establishment of R. K. Spicer, 313 Walnut street, to await the orders from the family.

Joseph Cunkie, of Hollidaysburg, with whom Van Tine was playing the game, has known the Philadelphia intimate for a long time. He immediately phoned to the Philadelphia office of the Barber Company. Officials there will communicate with the family. Van Tine was about 50 years old and is survived by his wife and one son.

Van Tine stopped in Harrisburg this morning on the way to Lewistown where he was to meet the Council this evening to discuss a paving project. When he entered the billiard room he told an attendant not to let him play longer than 1.45 o'clock as he had an appointment in the Commonwealth hotel before the time for the train to start for Lewistown.

The game of billiards was almost finished when he was suddenly stricken. He had been traveling to Harrisburg for a number of years and was widely known among city officials here through his business activities. He was known as one of the most expert billiard players who ever played in this city.

CHARGES WIFE WITH CRUELTY

Man Who Lost Leg in Accident Says She Made His Life Intolerable

Alleging that his wife many times gave him black eyes, threw knives, the rolling pin and other household articles at his head and otherwise made his life burdensome, Ralph E. Spink, of Steelton, this morning began a divorce suit against Lulu Spink, setting up the charge of "cruel and barbarous treatment."

Spink is a Pennsylvania Railroad telegrapher and a son of the late Captain A. B. Spink, of Steelton. He lost his one leg in an accident several years ago. In his petition to the court, through which the divorce suit is started, Spink alleges that his wife "offered such indignities to the person of your petitioner as to render his condition intolerable and life burdensome and thereby forced him to withdraw from his home and family and by cruel and barbarous treatment hath endangered your petitioner's life."

ALLEGED ELECTION CROOKS

Mayor Roberts and 26 Others Will Be Tried March 8

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 1.—Holding that the federal government has jurisdiction over election machinery, Judge Anderson in the United States District Court, here to-day overruled the demurrer filed by Donn M. Roberts, Mayor of Terre Haute, and twenty-six others, to the indictment charging them with conspiring to corrupt the election of November 3, 1914, in Terre Haute.

March 8 was the date fixed for the trial, after the twenty-seven had been arraigned and all pleaded not guilty. The defense asked for March 8 at the request of Representative A. O. Stahley, of Henderson, Ky., chief counsel, who did not want to begin the trial until after the adjournment of Congress on March 4.

CHARLES E. RIPPER INJURED

Confined to House by Fall on Ice-Cov- ered Sidewalk

Charles E. Ripper, foreman of the Star-Independent composing room, is confined to his home, 25 South Fifteenth street, on account of injuries received in a fall on an icy sidewalk at Twelfth and Market streets early Friday evening.

He suffered a slight concussion of the brain and a badly contused back. His condition was somewhat improved to-day.

DR. DUBS' CONDITION CRITICAL

Bishop Rudolph Dubs, who has been for some time confined to his home, 226 Harris street, was late this afternoon said to be in a critical condition, with no evidences of improvement.

DOES THIS KIND OF WEATHER MAKE YOU GROUCHY? THINK OF THE SOLDIERS AT THE FRONT IN EUROPE!



A French Territorial Soldier Guarding a Road. This sketch, drawn specially for this newspaper, the New York Herald and the London Sphere, by Paul Thiriat, shows a soldier of the French territorial army, which is the counterpart of the German landsturm. He is a man of more than forty years, a peasant, a prosperous farmer, who has left behind his family, his home and his farm, and has changed, without affectation or sadness, his plough for a rifle to save his beloved soil. He is one characteristic of this war, as seen from the French side.

WHEAT UP TO \$1.57 BUSHEL

The Smashing of High Record War Prices Continued in the Chi- cago Market To-day

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Smashing of high record war prices continued to-day in the wheat market here. On top of an advance last week ranging from 7 1/2 to 8 1/2 quotations to-day jumped as much as 2 1/2 at the very outset, May delivery selling at \$1.54 a bushel, as against \$1.51 1/2 when the market closed Saturday.

Increasing urgency of European demand for wheat was indicated by a decided fresh upturn in prices at Liverpool.

Before midday another cent a bushel and more had been added to the value of wheat, May delivery rising to \$1.55 3/8.

Upwards of 5 cents a bushel had been added to wheat by noon, May selling then at \$1.57.

Profit taking led to something of a setback in prices near the close. It was a nervous finish, with May at \$1.56 1/2 and the market as a whole 2 1/2 to 4% above Saturday night.

NO RISE IN PRICE OF BREAD

Large Chicago Concerns Ignore Proposal of the Master Bakers

Chicago, Feb. 1.—There will be no immediate advance in bread from five to six cents a loaf, it was announced to-day, as a result of the stand taken by large baking concerns which declined to support the proposal of the Master Bakers' Association.

Since the larger bakeries have not raised prices, the smaller bakeries, it was pointed out, must meet the competition and the price maintained. Representatives of several of the largest baking establishments said there would be no advance in prices for several days yet, if at all. The high price of flour brought about the threatened advance in bread prices.

Kaiser Suffers From a Chill

London, Feb. 1, 3.15 A. M.—A dispatch to the "Daily News" from Copenhagen says: "Emperor William suffered from a chill owing to the severe weather. He will remain in Berlin until the weather is more favorable."

SEA RAIDS BLOCK PORT AT BELFAST

German Submarines Play Havoc Among Merchant Ships Off Havre and in Irish Sea

FIVE VESSELS ARE TORPEDOED

Three British Merchantmen Fall Vic- tims to Deadly Aim of German Submarine U-21 and Are Sent to the Bottom of the Sea

London, Feb. 1, 12.37 P. M.—Once again British interest in the military activities on the continent has been overshadowed momentarily by the fact that Germany has brought the combat to Great Britain's front door. What is regarded here as the new German policy of a submarine blockade of British ports is temporarily effectual at least in the case of Belfast where all lines have been suspended. The Liverpool authorities, however, announce that no interruption in the trade of that port is contemplated.

The two British merchant steamers torpedoed by the Germans off Havre are the largest commercial vessels that have as yet fallen victims to German submarines; the three ships sunk in the Irish Sea were all small coasters.

The belief expressed yesterday that the raider could not remain for more than a few hours in waters so far removed from his base has been exploded by the news that the mail steamer Leinster encountered a German submarine off Dublin on Sunday, 24 hours after the sinking of the three coasters. Therefore it would seem probable that the raider renewed his supplies of food and fuel from the coaster Linda Blanche before sending her to the bottom.

Steamers Being Held in Port

Belfast, Feb. 1, Via London, 9.48 A. M.—The reports of the German submarine activity in the Irish Sea followed by the sinking last Saturday of three British merchant steamers by the German under sea boat U-21 has created a deep impression in shipping circles in Belfast. Nine steamers which

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Kaiser and His Chief Confer

Berlin, By Wireless to London, Feb. 1, 9.22 A. M.—Emperor William on Sunday had a long conference with General Erich von Falkenhayn, the chief of staff of the German army.

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LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Heavy fighting has been resumed along the Warsaw front in Poland, after a long period of comparative inactivity. An official communication from Petrograd describes battles along the Vistula, near Borjimow, where, it is said, the Germans were dislodged with bayonets from trenches they had captured, two companies of their soldiers being almost annihilated. The Germans later undertook an attack upon the Russian advance trenches and succeeded in gaining one position.

The Russian occupation of Tabriz, Northern Persia, unofficially reported last week, it announced to-day by the Russian war office, which says that the Turkish army in that vicinity was put in flight.

A dispatch from Athens states that Greece is engaged actively in military operations.

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THREE KILLED AT CROSSING

Beaver Falls, Pa., Feb. 1.—Lorette Bontle, a crossing watchman, early to-day attempted to stop a sleigh in which Lintel Barstiff and Giuseppe Paroli were trying to pass in front of a fast Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago railroad train at New Galilee, near here.

The sleigh was struck by the train and the three men instantly killed.

WALL STREET CLOSING

New York, Feb. 1.—Active issues like Reading and Amalgamated, which were in steady demand, sent prices higher in the final hour. U. S. Steel sold at 40. The closing was strong. Stocks rallied 1 to 2 points to-day but lost from last Saturday's closing. Advances in finished steel products and copper were helpful factors.

DESPERATE FIGHTING ON THE VISTULA

Russians Claim Suc- cesses Over Germans in Battles on Left Bank of River

KAISER'S TROOPS SEASONED MEN

Russians Officially Announce the Occu- pation of Tabriz, Persia—Turks Lost Four Field Guns, Provisions, Munitions and Many Prisoners

Petrograd, Feb. 1.—A communication issued late last night by the general staff of the Russian army reports some further progress in East Prussia and desperate fighting on the left bank of the Vistula. In the region around Borjimow the Russians claim to have recaptured a trench lost to the Germans on the preceding day and declare that counter attacks of the Germans were repulsed everywhere except in one of the Russian snags, which the Germans captured. The statement follows: "In the forests to the north of Gumbinnen and Pilkellen our troops continuing the conflict, have made progress at some points."

Desperate Combat Saturday

"On the left bank of the Vistula on January 30 a desperate combat was under way. In the region of Borjimow the Germans, who had captured one of our trenches on the preceding day, were attacked by us after night fall. After an extremely tenacious struggle we succeeded with the aid of a bayonet charge in dislodging the enemy from the trench. We almost annihilated two entire companies of Germans, captured three officers and more than sixty soldiers and also took a rapid firing gun."

"In the course of the day the enemy made a new attempt to drive us from our advanced trenches but was everywhere repulsed, after a bloody struggle, except in one of our snags, where some elements of the enemy succeeded in establishing themselves."

"An examination of prisoners disclosed the fact that the Germans in their attack of the 28th upon a part of our trenches at Borjimow had employed four regiments of infantry, some of which were composed of seasoned men."

Silence German Cannon

"Our artillery on the left bank of the Vistula continued to shell the position."

FRENCH TORPEDO BOAT NO. 219 SUNK OFF NIEUPORT

Berlin, Feb. 1, By Wireless to Sayville.—Reports to the Overseas News Agency from Paris say that the French torpedo boat 219 has been sunk off Nieuport, Belgium.

It is reported also through the same source that German aeroplanes have succeeded in throwing some bombs on the French town of Bailleul, nine miles east of Mazedoubrouck and near the Belgium frontier.

U. S. Cruiser Off Port An Prince

Washington, Feb. 1.—The cruiser Montana with 600 marines, gathered from the Atlantic fleet at Guantanamo, has taken station off Port au Prince, Haiti, for the protection of American interests there.

Under Knife for Appendicitis

Lawrence Hartman, 15 years old, 370 Pine street, Steelton, was operated on at the Harrisburg hospital yesterday for appendicitis. His condition was much improved this morning and his early recovery is looked for.

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