

STATE SCHOOL DIRECTORS FAVOR CHANGES IN CODE

Urge Amendment Which Would Permit
School Bonds to Be Issued at Any
Time of Year—D. D. Hammelbaugh
Is Elected Secretary

After listening to a report of the legislative committee of the directors' department of the State Educational Association, which, in brief, recommended but two changes in the school code of Pennsylvania, the twentieth annual meeting of the association came to a close this morning in the Central High school.

Both changes are proposed amendments to sections of the code relating to finances—one being to clarify a section of the code which limits the borrowing capacity of the board; the other permitting boards in the State to issue bonds at any time during the year. Under the present regulations school bonds may be issued only at the time of making the annual tax levy.

The final business of the session was the election of officers which resulted as follows: President, J. Newton Roads, Reading; first vice president, Dr. Cameron Shatz, Danville; second vice president, Mrs. Thomas G. Cooper, Lansdowne; third vice president, D. J. Thomas, Scranton; recording and corresponding secretary, D. D. Hammelbaugh, Harrisburg; executive committee, Charles M. Magee, Easton; S. R. McClure, Braddock; W. G. Davis, McKeesport; Dr. R. J. Yost, South Bethlehem, and Harry A. Boyer, Harrisburg; legislative committee, M. H. Henning, Wilkinsburg; T. G. Magee, Altoona; Dr. J. D. Orr, Leechburg; H. M. Lessig, Pottstown; James W. Wucher, Allentown, and A. E. Burnaford, Wilkes-Barre.

J. George Becht, secretary of the State Board of Education, conducted an interesting question box this morning. The opening of the session was participated in by the pupils of the Central High school, music being furnished by the choir and orchestra. Dr. Samuel Hamilton, Allegheny county superintendent, made an address to the pupils.

Two women directors from the western part of the State were among the 228 directors enrolled.

Governor Brumbaugh spoke yesterday afternoon to the directors. He expressed satisfaction with the present school laws, complimented the director who had the courage to levy an extra mill of tax to make good schools and advocated an increase in salaries of capable teachers wherever possible. He suggested that the directors see that school children be thoroughly versed in State history.

C. V. R. R. LOSES A POINT

Judge McCarrall Decides It Got Proper Notice of Damage Suit

When the Lehigh Navigation & Electric Company, some time ago, began extending its power line in the northeastern part of the State, the Public Utilities Company sought to prevent it from crossing the Utilities company's lines by appealing to the Public Service Commission. The Public Service Commission decided that there was nothing to warrant restraining the Lehigh company from carrying out its plans and an appeal was taken to the Dauphin county court. Judge McCarrall filed an opinion this morning dismissing the appeal.

In a case in which the Cumberland Valley Railroad Company claimed it had not been given proper notice of a damage suit filed against it by Joseph Milliken Sons, of Mechanicsburg, Judge McCarrall ruled in favor of the Mechanicsburg firm. The plaintiff is suing to recover losses sustained when the Milliken lumber yard in Mechanicsburg was destroyed by a fire alleged to have been started by sparks from a Cumberland Valley engine. The railroad company now must defend the damage suit.

CREDIT RATING EXPLAINED

Letters on Subject Received To-day From Chamber of Commerce

The new credit rating bureau being installed by the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce is thoroughly explained to the membership by a letter and forms received in the mail by the members to-day.

A. D. MacMillan, the expert, who is looking after its installation, is at the headquarters of the Chamber of Commerce and calling on those members who desire personal advice and suggestions in regard to the matter.

The officers of the chamber have also requested all members who can to visit the offices of the chamber in the Kunkel building and become acquainted with how the system is being built up.

DR. ALEXANDER SPOKE

Pointed Out Growth of Presbyterian Church at Last Night's Meeting

That there were during the last year 10,000 Presbyterian churches with 9,000 ministers and a million and a half of members was pointed out last night by the Rev. Dr. Matland Alexander, of Pittsburgh, in an address on "The Hour of the Church," at last night's session of the Harrisburg Presbyterian Association at Pine Street church.

At the afternoon and evening meetings the Rev. J. S. Armentrout, assistant pastor of Pine street, presided. J. H. Spicer introduced Dr. Alexander. A dinner was served at 6 o'clock in the social room of the church.

MRS. JACOB GOOD IS DEAD

Cousin of Harry A. Boyer, President of Harrisburg School Board

Mrs. Jacob Good, a cousin of Harry A. Boyer, president of the Harrisburg School Board, died at her home, 1805 Market street, at 4 o'clock this morning from a complication of diseases. Her husband is a telegrapher connected with the Northern Central railroad and employed in Cly. The Good family moved to Harrisburg from York, about a year ago.

Mrs. Good was a daughter of the late H. K. Witman, who years ago operated the McCormick quarries in Wormleysburg. Her survivors include her husband, one daughter, Hilda, and one son, Galen.

Sausage Over 58 Feet Long

Thirty-five pounds of pork was stuffed into a sausage skin measuring 58 feet 6 inches in the shop of Hull Brothers, 1718 North Third street, this morning. This is the longest sausage ever stuffed at the Hull establishment and it is believed to be a record breaker in the city.

GERMAN PRESS JUBILANT ON ADMIRALTY DECLARING BRITISH WATER IN WARZONE

Berlin, via London, Feb. 5, 10.35 A.M.—The entire German press greets with satisfaction the admiralty's declaration that the waters surrounding England, Scotland and Ireland, have been included in the war zone. The headlines of several papers speak of the announcement as a blockade. The "Post" declares it is a blockade and must be so considered.

"Neutral shipping," says the "Post," "is given time to take refuge in safe harbors. Only after a measured period do all merchantmen going to and from the British Isles run into danger. Then to be sure, men and freight not only on British ships, but under a neutral flag are doomed to sink."

The "Tagliche Rundschau" says: "We have accepted England's battle conditions." "We let

England play its role and assume ours with all its rights and obligations. Let him guard himself who feels like coming between."

The "Lokal Anzeiger" declares England's own weapons are being turned against herself and when Germany destroys the "English yoke under which the world has suffered for centuries," it will have accomplished a high historical mission and freed the world from one of its most dangerous enemies."

The "Tageblatt" says England's conduct to which the new decree is an answer has been an admission it could not defeat Germany with weapons which Germany realized and not incon siderable. The paper expresses the opinion that neutral powers will suffer losses from the new declaration but declares these losses will be small compared with those which England imposes upon them.

ENGLAND IS STIRRED OVER THREAT OF THE GERMANS TO BOTTLE UP BRITISH ISLES

London, Feb. 5, 12.45 P. M.—Although referring sarcastically to Germany's threat to bottle up the British Isles by means of submarines as a "paper blockade," England is stirred to-day by this latest development in the marine situation as she seldom has been since the outbreak of hostilities.

The press unanimously subordinates all other war news, not excepting the Turkish holt at the Suez canal, to give prominence to the dispatches from Berlin, while the foreign office statement following quickly the publication of the German threat as one requiring a prompt counter stroke. As the statement says, the authorities are considering "more stringent measures against German trade." The ministers are treating the subject as of particular urgency and a full official statement as to the situation of Great Britain will be published.

Some English newspapers declare to-day that the German announcement will benefit England in that it fully entitles the British government to declare contraband all foodstuffs destined for Germany.

GERMANS TAKE OVER 6,000 RUSSIANS AS PRISONERS

Berlin, Feb. 5, By Wireless to Sayville.—The German army headquarters staff to-day gave out the following statement:

"On the whole western front, except for an isolated French attack against the German position to the northwest of Perthes, which was unsuccessful, only artillery duels took place.

"On the east Prussian frontier renewed Russian attacks to the south of the Memel river, were repulsed.

"Strong Russian attacks against the positions recently taken by the Germans to the east of Bolimov (East of Lowicz) were equally unsuccessful. We have taken prisoners in that vicinity since February 1, twenty-six officers and about 6,000 men."

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

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war office to-day says that along a section of the front about six miles long the Germans brought up no less than \$4,000 men, supported by 100 batteries of artillery. In compact masses these troops were hurled against the Russian positions. The Petrograd statement asserts that these attacks were broken up and that the Russians, assuming the offensive in turn, captured German trenches and occupied two villages.

In the Carpathians the fighting is hardly less severe. The Petrograd war office admits that the Russians retreated in one section of this front, after fighting ten successive engagements with bayonets. Elsewhere Russian successes are claimed.

The action of the German admiralty in declaring within the war zone the waters surrounding England, Scotland and Ireland, is supported enthusiastically by the German press.

The German official announcement of to-day does not support the claim of the Russians of successes on the war saw front, stating that their attacks were repulsed.

There were no engagements of importance along the western front yesterday.

\$60,000,000 FOR DESTROYED PROPERTY

Paris, Feb. 5, 5 A. M.—President Poincare has signed a decree opening a credit of 300 million francs (\$60,000,000) to meet the most urgent needs of persons whose property has been destroyed as a result of the war.

RESUME FIGHT AGAINST SERVIA

Geneva, via Paris, Feb. 5, 5.05 A. M.—Hostilities against Servia have been resumed by the Austrians, according to reports received here from sources which usually have been well informed.

GRATZ WATER CO. SEEKS CHARTER

An application was filed in the State Department to-day for a charter for the Gratz Water Company, to supply water to the borough of Gratz, Dauphin County. The capital is \$5,000 and the incorporators are: S. S. Johnson and F. S. Simpson of Harrisburg, and Harry Smith, J. W. Sheibley, Joseph Phillips and D. Tobias, of Gratz. The application will first be passed upon by the State Water Supply Commission, then by the Public Service Commission and will finally go to the Governor for his approval.

TWO CHINAMEN DIE IN THE CHAIR

Ossining, N. Y., Feb. 5.—Lee Dock and Eng Hing, two Chinese, were put to death in the electric chair at Sing Sing Prison early to-day. Both Chinese were members of the Hip Sing Tong. They were convicted of the murder of Lee Kay, the aged leader of the On Loong Tong. The murder occurred on February 17, 1912, during a Tong war in New York.

ALLEGED BANK WRECKER ARRESTED

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 5.—Thomas Polets of Brownsville, Pa., was arrested and is being held here to-day as a fugitive from justice in connection with the alleged wrecking of a bank at Brownsville.

ORDER STREET NUMBERS CHANGED

By Associated Press.

Carrying out the provisions of a city ordinance Chief of Police Hutchinson this morning ordered the numbers of the houses started now with 2600 Jefferson street, changed to correspond with those on Sixth street, making the block the 2700 block.

CAPITOL HILL CORPORATION CONTRASTS BEFORE PA. COMMISSION

Application of Reading for Grade Crossing at Avon, Lebanon County, Held Over Until Next Meeting of Public Service Body

At the session of the Public Service Commission yesterday the contract of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in the City of Altoona was held for formal petition; that of the Lilly Electric Light, Heat and Power Company and the Borough of Lilly was held for proof of publication; that of the Equitable Gas Company in the Borough of Homestead was held for further consideration, as were the application of the Potato Creek Gas Company for the approval of its incorporation and the Citizens' Electric Company for the renewal of its charter.

The application of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company for the approval of a crossing at grade in Avon, Lebanon county, was held until the next meeting.

The Commission advised E. J. Klingman, of Dalmatia, which is on the line of the Northern Central railroad, that a shelter station would be erected at that point. Klingman complained that the patrons of the road were without adequate accommodation.

The Commission took testimony on the complaint of W. W. Maclechner that the West Reading Water Company refused to extend its mains. The matter was amicably adjusted on the representation of a sufficient number of patrons that they would accept the services.

MANY PROSECUTIONS

During January the Pure Food Department began the prosecution of 84 violators of the State pure food laws, five more than in December. Of these 39 were for violation of the cold storage act; 9 were for rotten eggs and 10 for soft drinks colored with coal tyes.

BOARD OF PARDONS

The list of cases to be heard by the new Board of Pardons at its first meeting on February 17, number seventeen, and it is announced that the applications have been closed for that meeting and the list sent to the printer. Dauphin county will have three cases, those of Laika Zarlovic, murder second degree; David Kaufman, film-flamming Harrisburg merchant, and Milton Weaver, sodomy. There are four murders, all under sentence of death by electrocution, who ask that their death sentences be commuted to imprisonment for life; Gregorio Pizzato, Philadelphia; Andrew Malcorowski, Allegheny; Arthur Simons, Tioga, and Nicola Mondello, Fayette. A parole will be asked for Thomas E. Patterson, Cumberland, serving a term of from 15 to 60 years for a number of crimes, including burglary and bresancy. Patterson has a prison record of six convictions.

ICEBERGS MENACE ATLANTIC SHIPPING

St. John, Feb. 5.—All the freight and most of the bunker crop of the coastal steamer Prospero were thrown overboard before she could be floated from a submerged ledge upon which she had been forced by a great ice floe off the New England coast. Ice is coming down from Greenland waters in great quantities, covering the Grand Banks and sweeping southward toward the trans-Atlantic shipping tracks.

Steamers arriving from British ports report icebergs and floes extending nearly 200 miles from the east coast of New Foundland. Vessels will have more difficulty than usual in avoiding the ice during the remainder of the winter and spring because the taking over of the wireless stations for exclusive military and naval purposes will make it impossible to send out the customary warnings.

WILL REMAIN HERO

Senator Penrose, who is just recovering from a severe attack that threatened to develop into pneumonia, will leave for Florida next week, and has requested Secretary W. E. Bryan Baker, of the Senate, to accompany him, but Mr. Baker was obliged to decline owing to pressure of work.

LYNCH TELLS OF LAND DEAL

Says City Had Another Site in Mind When He Purchased Uptown Plot

Highway Commissioner Lynch smiled this morning when a newspaper story was read to him, the purport of which was that he had been one of the purchasers of a plot of land which the newspaper suggested the city desired as a site for the proposed municipal asphalt plant.

The land in question is a plot on the south side of Macay street between the canal and the Pennsylvania Railroad, and Lynch declared that it was not offered as a site for the asphalt plant, and that in its present shape it is not fit for that purpose. He described it as a "sink hole." Lynch added that the deal for the ground, a six-acre tract which, he said, has an assessed valuation of \$11,000, was closed by City Engineer M. B. Cowden when it was offered for \$5,000.

"I took half of it at Mr. Cowden's request," said the Commissioner. "That was before the city decided not to take the \$9,000 plot at Cameron and Kitatinah streets as the site for the asphalt plant.

The plan to buy the Cameron street plot was abandoned because merchants at that locality objected to putting the asphalt repair plant there. It is likely that the asphalt plant will be built on Shaonai street, on a piece of ground which the city can buy for \$7,500, Lynch said.

Lynch added that the up-town plot was bought as a speculative investment.

BOARIDER PROMPTS TERRIBLE CRIME

By Associated Press.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 5.—Frank Amadeo, an employee at a railway round house, shot and killed his wife, his 8-year-old daughter, and his 1-year-old son at his home here to-day. He then shot himself and is expected to die. Two other children escaped by running from the house. The police say jealousy of a boarder was the cause of the act.

CLOUTURE RULE PROPOSED IN SENATE

Washington, Feb. 5.—To thwart filibusters, Senator Norris to-day proposed a cloture rule to prevent any Senator talking more than once, or more than three hours in general debate, on a measure and to limit debate on amendments to fifteen minutes except for those who do not use three hours in general debate.

N.Y. EMPLOYEES' LAW UPHEALED

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BUILDING PERMIT GRANTED

Mrs. Margaret Minnick took out a building permit this morning to build an addition to the three-story brick building at 2148 North Sixth street, costing \$2,000.

GRANBURY COUNTY TAX RATE RAISED

Ephrata, Pa., Feb. 5.—Commissioners of Granbury county yesterday fixed the tax rate for 1915 at 2 mills on a total valuation of approximately \$143,000. The rate was 1 1/2 mills.

105,000 GERMANS AND 100 BATTERIES OF ARTILLERY. MOVE AGAINST RUSSIANS

Petrograd, Feb. 5, via London, 12.25 P. M.—Not since the battles around Lodz, in Russian Poland, in the early part of December, have the Germans delivered such vicious attacks as those of yesterday when they attempted to break through the Russian line near Borjimow. Probably never before in the eastern arena of the war have they concentrated such a force upon a single point.

In a distance of six miles, between Humin and Borjimow, the Germans threw 105,000 infantrymen, together with heavy forces of cavalry, the whole supported by 100 batteries of artillery, comprising in all no less than 600 guns. It is estimated that in this short line there were