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# LOOPERS LUNCH IN HAZLETON

Chamber of Commerce Tourists Speeding Through the Coal Regions To-day

## DUE IN READING BY DINNER TIME

the members of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce, who are making a two-day trade extension tour of Central Pennsylvania cities, arrived in Hazleton at 11.34 o'clock this morning. This is the second highest spot in the State of Pennsylvania and being at so high an altitude was a new experience for the party, which was augmented by four more Harrisburgers in Wilkes.

The note will reveal his or her identity and thus aid the authorities in the indentity and thus aid the authorities in the indentity and thus aid the authorities in the indentity and thus aid the authorities in the indentity. This announcement was received in a cablegram sent here by a Russian of ficial in Petrograd. The cable was received at the District Attorney's of ficial in Petrograd. The cable was received this morning. Besides stating that the local company's proposal to furnish the trucks had been accepted it asserted that the \$1,500,000, the cost in.''

It was cold when the Harrisburgers arrived here but the travelers soon thawed out when they were taken care pany' and Court Appoints One of by Hazleton Board of Trade, Luncheon in the Hotel Loughran further helped in the thawing process and the visitors were ready and willing to lis-

Because certain differences that visitors were ready and willing to listen to local boomers as the latter told of the anthractic industry. All the while the Harrisburgers were getting in a few licks for Harrisburg jobbers, wholesalers and manufacturers who expect to flood this section with Harrisburgers who expect to flood this section with Harrisburgers who expect to flood this section with Harrisburgers and manufacturers who expect to flood this section with Harrisburg light & Power Company, 'o shore had Robert W. Hoy, of the Harrisburg Light & Power Company, 'o shore had replaced the Dauphin county court of the Harrisburg has a "committing magistrate," he issued a warrant for the arrest of Harry Low engand, "charged" with the "larceny" of a traveling bage containing a suit city, receiver, and directed that he furnish as \$3,000 bond. The bond warrant of pink pajamas and a tooth brush. "Constable' W. H. Bennethum, Jr., served the warrant Prosecuting Attorney Wharton entered a plea of "Nolle contader" before the court and as nobody—mot even the court,—knew what that meant the prisoner was discharged with a reprimand by Magistrated Hoy.

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fun and W. H. Bushey, of Lemoyne.
William McCreath, of Harrisburg,
was stopping at the Sterling Hotel in
Wilkes-Barre when the party arrived last night. He said he was going to Mrs. Samuel Manning, of Duncannor accompany the tourists back to Har-risburg but he missed the train.

In Wilkes-Barre Isaac Long, Simon Long & Sons, entertained Joseph and Herman Claster, William Strouse, Herman Tausig and Samuel Marks. ton.

ville this afternoon where the members received last night when her dress of the Merchants' Association will caught fire. Before aid reached her the Harrisburg party. Through the flames had terribly burned the flesh on her arms and face.

The first person to come to Mrs. The first person to come to Manning's aid in response to her screams was her daughter, Mrs. Harry Mutzabaugh. She saw the flames through a kitchen window, rushed into the room and three was brightened last evening when the Middletown Car Company an nounced the receipt of an order for ninety all-steel box cars to be furnished to the Servian government, one of the European belligerent nations.

The company recently got an order for fifteen steel tank cars and work.

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#### TOURING PARTY PASSES NIGHT IN WILKES-BARRE

(Special to the Star-Independent.) Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb. 18.—The Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb. 18.—The seventy-five members of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce who are making a two-day tour of Central Pennsylvania cities to advertise Harrisburg as the "Heat of Distribution" for this territory, arrived here last evening and passed the night in the Sterling hotel.

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Mr. Buser is at present assistant forman in the composing room of the Star-Independent, where he has been employed since learning the printer's trade thirteen years ago.

Another nomination sent to the Sent at the composing room of the Star-Independent, where he has been employed since learning the printer's at woman were parties to the robbery of the Frank, home early last evening. Thirty jars of canned fruit, mostly peaches; a bushel of potatoes and other provisions were taken.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Fred C. Kirkendal, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., was to-day nominated collector of internal revenue for the Twelfth Pennsylvania district.

# SEEKING NAME OF WRITER OF MYSTERIOUS LETTER RUSSIA ORD

Revealed by Bones Found in Cellar Are Eager to Obtain More Details From Person Who Sent Letter

The inquiry now being conducted by District Attorney M. E. Stroup in connection with the finding last Friday of the bones of a young woman buried in the cellar of the house at 133 South Fourteenth street to-day was centered on ascertaining the whereabouts of the relatives of a girl referred to in the anonymous letter received yesterday by the State's attorney as the possible victim of the murder. Efforts to locate Bessie Guyer, of Mechanicsburg, another girl who has been referred to as the possible victim, thus far have been futile.

The woman whose name just yesterday was brought into the case through the mysterious letter to the District Attorney was married when quite young and is believed to have been the mother of a child. Certain elemen in the case, especially that feature which relates to the fact of there having been a baby, the authorities say, warrant their laying greater stress

Harrisburg Party Is Being Entertained
Royally All Along the Line of the
Two-Day Trade Extension Trip—
Coming Home To-night

BY ROBERT R. FREE
Hazleton, Pa., Feb. 18.—Deeply impressed with the hospitality of Wilkes-Barre, where they spent last night, the members of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce, who are making a two-day trade extension tour of Central

-Assets Said to Be Intact

Because certain

Lives Only a Few Hours After Being Terribly Burned

Samuel Manning, 70 years old, died at Contract Obtained A short stop will be made in Potts- 1 o'clock this morning from burns she

# G. C. BUSER FOR POSTMASTER

Nominated by President to Fill Hum-

melstown Vacancy
Word came yesterday from Washing

**MortonTruckCompany** 

#### MEANS WORK FOR 250 MEN

Local Firm Will Begin Making the Ma chines Just as Soon as Arrange ments Can Be Made to Place the Money With New York Bankers

An order for 300 large type of arnored motor trucks, for use in the European war, costing in the neighborhood of a million and a half dollars, was placed to-day by the Russian government with the Morton Truck & Tractor

the party, which was augmented by four more Harrisburgers in Wilkes. PARTNERS CANNOT AGREE asserted that the \$1,500,000, the cost in." a day or so in a New York banking FOUR VESSELSSUNK BY THE

> W. S. Morton, general manager of the local firm, this afternoon announced differences that that preparations at once will be be-

were manufactured at the local plant as samples and they this week cabled the firm here that the prospects for getting a large order from the British are very bright.

let contracts for several hundred trucks offices in this city. and tractors, the majority of which are to be armored.

unemployed for better labor conditions greet the Harrisburg party. Through the findness of Health Commissioner on her arms and face.

commerce has promised plenty of automobiles to convey the party. P. G. Diener, who arranged this feature of the trip, was given a vote of thanks when he announced the plan this morning.

Dinner will be served in the Hotel Berkshire in Reading this evening and the party will embark on the last leg of the journey,—from Reading to Harrisburg,—at 9 o'clock to-night.

The company recently got an order for fifteen steel tank cars and work woman. It is not definitely known how the woman's clothes caught fire, but it is believed by members of her family that she came in contact with hot ashes that she was removing from the stove. Part of the ceiling of the kitchen was burned before neighbors put out the fire.

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## WOMAN AIDS IN BURGLARY

Marks of Her Shoes Are Found in the Mud Near a House That Is Robbed in Paxtang

Shoe marks in the mud leading from the home of Harvey A. Frank, Derry street, Paxtang, to the tracks of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad led the

## 14 MEMBERS OF DESTROYED ZEPPELIN WERE RESCUED

London, Feb. 18.—Fourteen members of the crew of the Zeppelin dirigible which was destroyed by an explosion on Fance island were rescued and will be interned by the Danish authorities, says a dispatch from Copenhagen to Reuter's Telegram Company. The Zeppelin was cruising over the island with another dirigible when it caught fire and was compelled to descend, landing before the explosion took place.

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The destroyed Zeppelin was the L-3, one of the largest in commission. She completed in 1914 and was 550 feet long, had a diameter of 61 feet and displaced 32 tons. She was supplied with four motors with a total horse-power of 720, and had a speed of 40 knots. Commander Prinz says the situation when the fire broke out was critical. He feared that the bombs on board the airship would explode before. board the airship would explode before he could get to the ground.

## **AUSTRIANS TAKE TOWN IN** GALICIA AFTER HARD FIGHT

Vienna, Feb. 18, Via London, 9.10 A M.—Official reports given out in Vienna say that after two days of hard fighting the Austrians have occupied the town of Kolomea, in Galicia.

"This success was achieved yesterday afternoon by means of a general attack on the Russian positions," the report says. "We drove the enemy in spite of his sat bubborn resistance out of his last positions in front of Kolomea, thus reaching the town at one operation. We prevented the Russians from blowing up the bridge over the river

# WILHELM DURING THIS YEAR

Buenos Aires Argentine, Feb. 18 .-

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The British government is about to the contracts for several hundred trucks.

## Effect of German Blockade

(Special to the Star-Independent.)
Duncannon, Pa., Feb. 18.—After a
SERVIA ORDERS 90 STELL CARS

to be armored.

London, Feb. 18, 1.40 P. M.—The immediate effect of the German submarine blockade of the British Isles, benefits of the control of the British Isles, benefits of the by Middletown ginning to day, was to tie up all passenger traffic from England to Holland.
The Scandinavian lines, however, have Plant Means Work for Unemployed
Middletown, Feb. 18.—Hope of the

## LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Germany has declined to alter her position in consequence of the American note concerning the war zone decree, although expressing the most friendly feelings toward this country. The German reply, a summary of whi was cabled from Berlin, states that Germany cannot abandon her position, in view of the attempts of England to cut off the food supply of non-combatants and recommends that the United States send warships to protect Ameri-can vessels passing through the danger

Emperor William has telegraphed to the pres the president of the province of East Prussia that the Russians have been completely defeated and driven from

completely defeated and driven from the province.

An official communication from Vienna says that the Russians have been defeated in Bukowina, where the Austro-German forces have been advancing recently. A report from the Russian war office however, asserts that there is no change in Bukowina. It speaks of ferocious fighting in Northern Poland, and says that the Russians have won the advantage in several engagements in Galicia.

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Turkey has yielded to Greece and offered satisfaction for the insult to the Greek naval attache at Constantinople. The incident which led to the departure of the Greek Minister is now closed.

Fourteen members of the crew of the Zeppelin, which was destroyed over Fance Island, were rescued and will be interned-by the Danish authorities. The Zeppelin, one of the largest of the German dirigibles caught fire while cruising over the island.

## GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S. IS REPORTED RECALLED TO BERLIN



COUNT JOHANN VON BERNSTORFF

A despatch received from Amsterdam gives the report from Berlin that Count von Berlin, the German Ambassador to the United States, has been summoned to Berlin. Countess von Bernstorff, it is added, had engaged passage to join her husband at Washington, but she cancelled the booking a few hours before the vessel left.

She Is Rescued With Hummelstown Man, 60 Difficulty From the Burning Fumes of Gasoline

#### REARPARTOFHER HOME DESTROYED

Another Menacing Blaze in Business District of Town Which Last Week Voted Against Plan to Spend \$10, 000 for Purchase of Apparatus

(Special to the Star-Independent.) Newville, Pa., Feb. 18 .- The town of Newville, which in a special election week defeated a plan to float a ing apparatus, this morning had another dangerous fire in the heart of the

arms and body, but physicians say she

arms and body, but physicians say she will recover.

The fire occurred in the Sweigert home and started about 7.45 o'clock while Mrs. Sweigert was cleaning a dress with gasoline. Fumes from the gasoline caught fire from the kitchen range and in a moment Mrs. Sweigert's clothing was a mass of flames. The dress she had been cleaning took fire and the receptacle holding the gasoline fell to the floor, the flames spreading rapidly.

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Mrs. Sweigert ran from the house in search of an old piece of carpet to throw about her body. Neighbors who were attracted by her cries, aided her in beating out the flames, but did not succeed in this until she had been seriously burned.

The Sweigert department store is The Sweigert department store is immediately adjoining the Sweigert home, and Mr. Sweigert sent in a fire alarm. The rear of the home was gutted by the time the firemen with their limited fire-fighting equipment got the blaze under control.

At one stage of the fire it was feared the local department would have to call on Carlisle for assistance as it was thought the flames would spread to nearby frame buildings. The drug store of R. B. Cloudy once was ablaze, but the flames were extinguished there before much damage was done.

This was the third fire that has occurred in the same business block in the last eight months, and the fourth within the year. It was the first fire to occur since the \$10,000 fire apparatus loan was defeated last week. At one stage of the fire it was fear

tus loan was defeated last week

## CHECK FIRE WITH DYNAMITE

\$200,000 Blaze Threatened to Destroy Village of Edensburg By Associated Press.
Edensburg, Pa., Feb. 18.—Fire

which threatened to destroy the vil-

Years Old, in Vain Seeks Shelter to Avoid Blast

## FRIEND AT HIS SIDE IS FELLED

Just Before Dynamite Is Set Off, Pair Rush Into Blacksmith Shop to Escape Missiles, but 20-Pound Boulder Comes Crashing Through

(Special to the Star-Independent.) Hummelstown, Pa., Feb. 18.—Henry Tinney, of this place, was instantly killed, and Peter Fisher, also of Hum-\$10,000 loan to buy modern fire-fight- melstown, was injured at 10 o'clock this morning when they were struck by stones coming through the roof of the

business section which almost cost the business section which almost cost the life of one woman and did damage estimated at \$1,500. The firemen with their inadequate apparatus fought for an hour before they got the blaze under control.

Mrs. Clyde, Sweigert, wife of the proprietor of a Newville department store, was seriously burned about the arms and body, but physicians say she everying of the structure. Tinney covering of the structure.

covering of the structure. Tinney dropped to the floor lifeless without uttering a sound.

According to Fisher, who, following the accident, walked about the quarry with his head bandaged to await the arrival of Coroner Eckinger, he and his unfortunate companion had been warned by a whistle of an approaching blast by a whistle of an approaching blast when they were some little distance from the blacksmith shop, but had gone toward the danger and entered the building, thinking to be protected

## Thought It a Safe Retreat

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Men were working in the shop, which was about fifty feet from the seene of the blasting. Stones from the quarry had never struck the blacksmith shop until this morning, and the place was not thought a perilous one.

The stone which brought death when it struck Tinney, weighs more than twenty pounds and is six inches across. A sharp point at one end hit the man on the head, behind the right ear, making a .ound the size of a walnut. A

ing a .ound the size of a walnut. A smaller stone struck Fisher, also on the smaller stone struck Fisher, also on the back of the head, leaving a bad bruise. Henry Tinney, who was killed by the larger stone, was 60 years old. He had been out of employment for some time, and had gone to the quarries with Fisher in the hope of getting work. He leaves a widow and the following children: Harry, of Hershey, a conductor on the lines of the Hershey Rapid Transit Company; Frank, of West Virginia, a Methodist clergyman; a married daughter in New Jersey and three daughters at home, Mattie, Hattie and Edna.

Fisher's Injury Not Alarming

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The body was taken from Swatara by William Karmany to his undertaking rooms in Hanover street, this town across the street from the Tinney

home. Coroner Eckinger began an investiwhich threatened to destroy the village was checked to-day by the use of dynamite after 13 buildings in the business section had been burned, with a loss of \$200,000.

# REPLY MADE TOU.S.NOTE BYGERMANY

Protest of America Against Blockade of British Waters Answered at Berlin

## WILL NOT RECEDE FROM PURPOSE

The Germans Firmly Maintain Their Position As Previously Announced In Paper That Is Couched In the Most Friendly Terms

By Associated Press

Berlin, via London, Feb. 18, 5.58 A. M .- The reply of Germany to the protest of the United States against a blockade of British waters is couched in the most friendly terms, but firmly maintains the position of Germany as already announced. The answer which is a lengthy document, was converted into code at the United States embassy under the direction of Ambassador Gerard and has been transmitted in full to Washington.

The note explains that Germany's proposed action is rendered necessary by Great Britain's policy of attempt-ing to cut off the food supply for the German civil population by a method never recognized in international war. England's course in ordering merchantmen to fly neutral flags, equipping them with artillery with orders to destroy submarines, the German reply contends, renders nugatory the right of search thus giving Germany the right to attack English shipping. Germany holds that she cannot abandon that right un der the stress which England has forced

Says Stand Is Necessary Since Germany must compel the na-tions with which she is at war to re-turn to the recognized principles of in-ternational law and restore the freedom

turn to the recognized principles of international law and restore the freedom of the seas, she argues that the stand she has taken is necessary.

The note recommends that the United States government send warships to England to convoy merchant vessels through the danger zone as security against attack with the understanding that vessels thus guarded shall carry no war supplies. Hope is expressed that the American government will understand the position in which Germany has been placed and appreciate the reasons for its course.

The reply closes with an expression of the hope that the United States may prevail upon Great Britain "to return to the principles of international law recognized prior to the outbreak of the war," and in particular obtain the observance of the London declaration by belligerents opposed to Germany. If is were done, the note explains, Germany would be enabled to import food supplies and raw materials. Germany would recognize in this, says the reply, an invaluable service toward a more humane conduct of the war and would act in accordance with the new situation thus created.

Text of the German Reals

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"The imperial government has examined the communication from the United States in the same spirit of good will and friendship by which the communication appears to have been dictated. The imperial government is in accord with the United States government that for both parties it is in in accord with the United States government that for both parties it is if a high degree desirable to avoid mis understandings which might arise from measures announced by the German Admiralty and to provide against the

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## SITUATION NOT CRITICAL IN OPINION OF U. S. OFFICIALS

Washington, Feb. 18.—Germany's reply to the American note on the naval war zone around the British Isles had not been received to-day at the State not been received to-day at the State Department. Dispatches on other matters from Ambassador Gerard, filed in Berlin yesterday, said he had delivered the American note but that the German reply had not then been delivered to him. The outline of the German reply contained in news dispatches, however, commanded close attention in official and diplomatic quarters but comments were being reserved until after the text has been received.

as been received.

Secretary Bryan went early to the White House for a conference with President Wilson. They discussed neutral shipping generally. The official view was that no element in the situation was critical.

## WALL STREET CLOSING

By Associated Press

New York, Feb. 18 .- Union Pacific. Steel and Amalgamated were sold moderately in the late dealings. The closing was heavy. To-day's narrow and drooping stock market was again largely influenced by adverse foreign conditions. Minor declines were general.