

FLOOD HERE TO-MORROW IS FORECAST

Danger Stage of 17 Feet Predicted by State Water Supply Commission

RIVER RISING 4 INCHES AN HOUR

Cellars Will Fill and Lowlands in South Harrisburg Will Be Covered—Water Will Back Up in the Market Street Subway

Unexpectedly big rises this morning in the various tributaries caused the State Water Supply Commission late this afternoon to predict a stage of seventeen feet in the Susquehanna river in Harrisburg by to-morrow afternoon.

That is the danger mark for Harrisburg. When the river reaches that point, cellars in South Harrisburg begin to fill with water backed up from sewers, the lowlands about the old Lochiel furnaces become flooded and the water starts to back out of the sewers in the Market street subway.

A decade ago a 17-foot river stage here made it necessary to go about the streets of South Harrisburg in boats, but much of this danger has been eliminated recently by the Paxton creek flood control in Wildwood Park, which diverts much of the water.

Rising 4 Inches an Hour
The water in the river at this point was rising to-day at slightly more than four inches an hour, the mark at 2 o'clock, according to Weather Bureau officials, being 11.95 feet, as against 9.90 feet at 8 o'clock this morning.

The Weather Bureau forecasts fifteen feet by 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. This is not the maximum stage looked for by Weather Bureau officials, who expect the river to continue rising until to-morrow afternoon. The State Water Supply Commission fixes the maximum at 17 feet. In the twenty-four hours previous to 8 o'clock this morning the river had risen 3.3 feet here.

There was rising action in the streams throughout the entire Susquehanna watershed this morning, according to reports sent to the weather bureau, but the upper branches far up State, are expected to begin receding to-night. The main river, however, will continue to rise until this water has moved off.

There were no flood stages in the valley this morning, Wilkes-Barre coming nearest to it with a margin of but seven inches. Every station reported moderately heavy rain, but none of the up-river places had as much as the country immediately surrounding Harrisburg.

Much of the water is from melted snows along the west branch. This snow was in the mountains near Williamsport. Until a week ago this snow lay to the depth of twelve inches. Unusually high temperatures were experienced in the last week and the rainfall, which averaged more than half an inch over the valley, was sufficient to melt most of the snow.

The storm responsible for the rainfall has moved off the New England coast and fair weather, with lower temperatures will follow here.

The statement issued this morning by the State Water Supply Commission follows:

"In the Susquehanna basin, a maximum stage of eighteen and one-half feet is indicated for the West Branch in Williamsport. On the North Branch, as stage of about seventeen and one-half feet for Towanda, twenty-five feet for Wilkes-Barre and twenty feet for Danville; fourteen feet for Newport on the Juniata, and probably about seventeen feet for Harrisburg on Friday afternoon."

Last Raymond Talk To-night
The third and last of a series of talks by Frank Jewell Raymond will be given this evening in the Technical High school auditorium. His subject is "Making the Sale." The talks are given under the auspices of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce.

LARGE DEMOCRATIC DEFICIT SHOWN IN MORRIS' APPEAL

State Chairman Asks For Funds From Members of Both the 'Reorganizer' and 'Old Guard' Factions to Wipe Out \$14,000 Debt

An appeal for funds received by several prominent Democrats here to-day from Democratic State Chairman Roland S. Morris, reveals that there is a \$14,000 deficit remaining in the committee funds since the close of last fall's campaign. Chairman Morris does not discriminate in the sending of his appeals. He sends them to both "Reorganizers" and "Old Guards"—in fact he does not wish to slight anybody in this highly important matter, and so he sends to all. The committee needs the money. What more could be said. A number of these personal appeals have been received by Harrisburg Democrats of both factions, and all read as follows:

"The Democratic State Committee again appeals for help to all who have been factors in the success of the Democratic administration up to the present time, and who intend at present and in the future, to help in the most immediate, practical way.

"We closed the campaign with a deficit of over \$14,000. The debts were just ones and were incurred for the purpose of helping the cause in which we are jointly interested. The payment of this indebtedness is dependent upon the co-operation of every man interested in the success of Democracy.

"If you have helped before, may we request some additional help? If you have not previously registered on our roll of contributors, we ask you at this critical time to send whatever you feel that you can afford toward helping us meet this most pressing and immediate need.

"Your prompt action will be sincerely appreciated."

It is not known to what extent this appeal has been heeded by Dauphin county Democrats, but a number of the "Old Guard" are outspoken in saying that they do not intend to help "at this critical time."

The appeal comes from 147 South Broad street, Philadelphia, where the State headquarters are now located, the headquarters in Market square having virtually been abandoned.

CRITCHFIELD TO STAY TILL HIS SUCCESSOR IS SELECTED

His Term as Secretary of Agriculture Expires To-day but He Will Continue to Serve Pending Proposed Readjustments in Department

The commission of N. B. Critchfield, Secretary of Agriculture, expired to-day, but it is understood that Secretary Critchfield, who has declared he is not a candidate for reappointment, will remain at his post until his successor is selected, which may not be for some time as a reorganization of the department is contemplated. The legislation to carry out such reorganization has not yet been perfected, although the Legislative Committee of the State Board of Agriculture has prepared a bill on the subject which may form the basis of the one to be introduced. It provides for a Commission of seven to run the department and appoint all of its officers, including a new Secretary.

Secretary Critchfield was commissioned in March, 1911, to serve four years from February 25, 1911, his commission expiring to-day. He was at his desk as usual this morning and said he will remain, if requested, until his successor is appointed and takes charge. He will then retire to his Somerset county farm, where he will devote his time to agricultural pursuits.

The commission of Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Health Commissioner, will expire on Monday, March 1, Commissioner Dixon having been commissioned February 8, 1911, to serve four years from March 1, 1911. It is understood that Governor Brumbaugh will reappoint Dr. Dixon.

HURLED OFF HIGH BRIDGE; ONLY HIS WATCH DAMAGED

Dametto, Who Accused Borovic of Throwing Off From Dock Street Viaduct, Satisfied When Latter Buys Him a New Timepiece

Peter Borovic, who was charged with picking up a fellow countryman bodily and throwing him from the Dock street bridge to the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad, a drop of 35 feet, was freed this afternoon in police court when his alleged victim, Peter Dametto, refused to press the charge. All that Dametto insisted on was that Borovic buy him a new watch as Dametto's timepiece was damaged beyond repair in the fall.

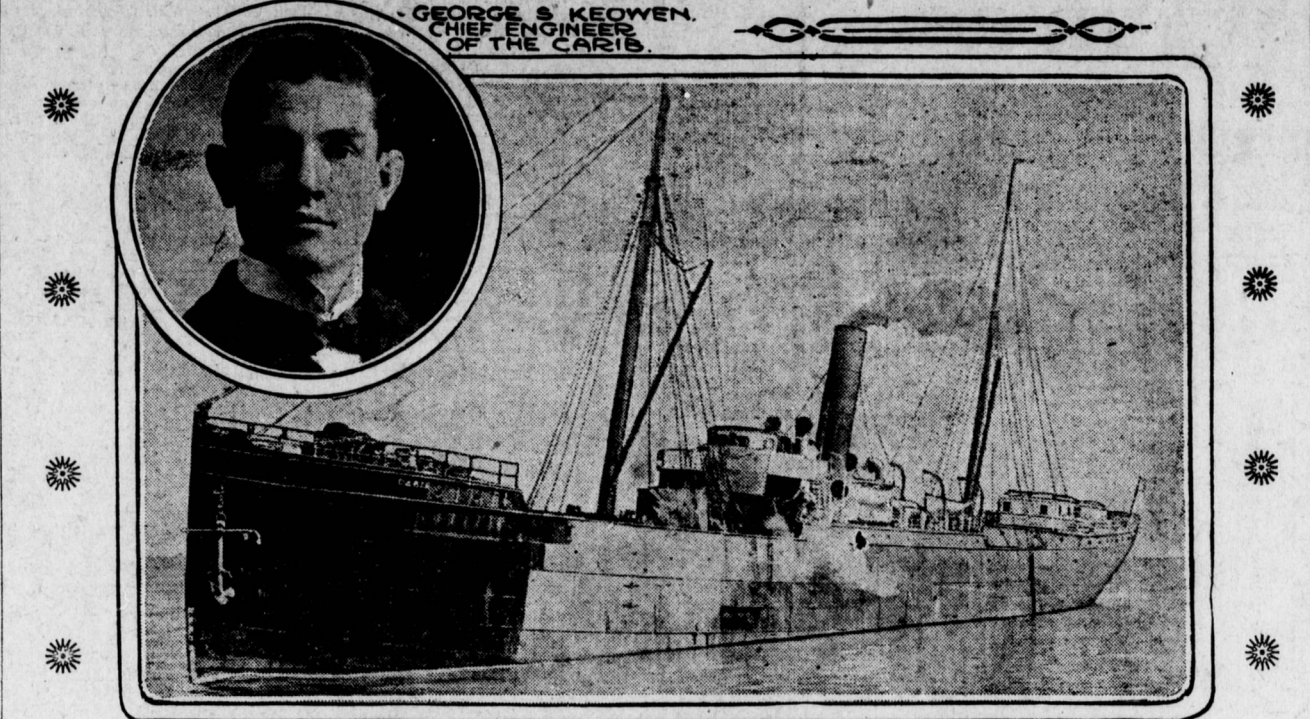
The police had no charge to press against Borovic after he promised to pay the costs of the case and purchase a new watch for Dametto.

A phone call to the police late yesterday afternoon took Patrolmen Buch, Mehring and Schelhas to the bridge. They expected to find the object of the assault in a mangled heap at the side of the tracks. They had difficulty in finding him at all, however, and then all he complained was about his watch, although he had a slight cut over the left eye and a wrenched shoulder.

The victim told the police that he and Borovic had a fight and the latter walked up behind him on the bridge and picking him up by the knees hurled him over the railing to the tracks below.

Possessor of Large Lemon
A lemon measuring 14 inches in circumference at one place and fourteen and three-quarter inches at another is in possession of Charles Stocker, 1439 Berryhill street. The lemon weighs one pound and five ounces.

LOST STEAMER, SECOND U.S. VICTIM OF NORTH SEA MINES



By striking a mine in the North Sea off the German coast the Carib, an American steamship, was sent to the bottom. The Carib is the second American ship that has been sunk, the first being the Evelyn. In announcing the sinking of the Carib a Berlin despatch said she struck a mine in the North Sea while off the route laid down by German marine instructions.

KIDNAP PAIR OF STORE DUMMIES

Robbers Smash Big Plate Glass Windows and Flee With Man-sized Figures

BULLETS FAIL TO STOP THEM

Business Section of Middletown Stirred When Quartet of Burglars Before Daybreak Smash Way Into Buildings and Escape With Bulky Loot

(Special to the Star-Independent.)
Middletown, Pa., Feb. 25.—Four night prowlers smashed in one of the large plate glass windows in the clothing store of Meyer Yoffee, in the Young building, South Union street, at 1:30 o'clock this morning and took two of the life-sized dummies that had been clothed in the latest fashions. They also kicked in two of the plate glass windows in the liquor store of Joan Snyder, immediately adjoining, and obtained half a dozen quarts of whiskey and several bottles of wine.

The entire neighborhood was awakened by the crash of glass on the brick pavement. Men and women poked their heads out of second floor windows, yelled at the top of their voices and one man fired several revolver shots, but the robbers got away, taking the dummies and the rest of the loot with them.

Harry P. Young, owner of the building in which the robberies were committed, occupies a room just above one of the stores and after emptying a revolver at the fleeing quartet, quickly dressed and, with neighbors, ran in the direction the culprits had taken.

About a block and a half away from the stores the "bruised" and scratched

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THE JOHNSON-WILLARD FIGHT

It Will Take Place in Havana Instead of in Mexico

Toronto, Feb. 25.—Tom Flanagan, who trained Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist, for the fight with James Jeffries at Reno, announced to-day that he had received a cablegram from Johnson at Havana in which Johnson said he had called off the fight with Jess Willard set for March 6 at Jarez and that the fight would occur in Havana.

Flanagan gave out the text of the cable he had received from Johnson at Havana as follows:
"Will fight Willard here. Fight will draw as much as Jeffries-Johnson fight. There is not a chance for me to go to Mexico."

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 25.—Jack Curley, promoter of the Johnson-Willard fight, before his departure to-day for Havana, was told that Tom Flanagan, Jack Johnson's former trainer, had given out a telegram in which Johnson was reported as saying that the fight would be held in Cuba.

"I don't believe Johnson ever said that," declared Curley. "I am going to Havana to see what's the matter, that's all. There is absolutely nothing definite yet."

CASH NEEDED TO CONTINUE RELIEF

\$9,330 HAS BEEN GIVEN TO DATE

Unless \$2,500 Additional Can Be Raised in Next Few Weeks, Campaign Will Have to Stop March 19

Relief for the more than 400 families of the city which have been receiving partial support through the Home and War Relief Committee will be halted March 19, unless more money is received. To date \$9,330 has been contributed through members of the general committee and citizens, but when all bills now due are paid, little more than \$1,000 will remain with which to carry on the work. With the \$450 of pledge money to be collected, this amount will barely pay for materials and wages for the next two weeks.

In substance, that was the report received by the ways and means committee last night when it met at 7 South Front street. In an effort to raise at least \$2,500 more the Sunday schools and fraternal organizations of the city, will be appealed to, as the committee is eager to continue the work until April 1, when there is prospect of more jobs for men at present unemployed.

The home relief division is paying out money in the form of wages to more than 350 women of needy families each week, the weekly cost now averaging \$700. More than 125 women are on the waiting list, which could be doubled were applicants from nearby points given work or listed.

Of the \$7,200 spent, more than \$4,000 has been paid out in wages, the balance going to local merchants for the materials used. Garments sewn by these workers have been given freely to the local poor, and those not needed here have been sent abroad to the various war-stricken countries.

FIRE IN GARAGE DAMAGES AUTO

Fire from a carelessly discarded match which ignited some gasoline in the garage of John A. Kramer, at the rear of his place of business, 2132 North Sixth street, did damage amounting to several hundred dollars, including a automobile, which was partly destroyed. An alarm was sent in from box 124, Sixth and Woodbine streets.

"LIVE AND LET LIVE"

"Whatever handicaps home industry, whatever holds back local manufacturers and local business men, holds back the private citizen, and nothing will kill off your town quicker than patronizing mail order houses.

"American women do ten billions dollars' worth of shopping each year and a large percentage of this money they send out of town, to the large stores in the large cities—mail order houses that are direct competitors of local business men. Mail order houses do not pay your local taxes, support your schools, nor foster your religious societies.

"People should buy at home—purchase home-made products, buy of the merchant who is willing to show you the goods in broad daylight, and guarantee them and make his guaranty good! Do not think you can tell the quality of the goods by the picture you see in the catalogue. The prices may suit you but the goods may not. Sending money to a mail order house is often like taking a chance in a grab-bag."

SUIT FOR HERSHEY BONUS UP TO-DAY

Test to Determine Whether Suspended Employees Are Entitled to Dividend

\$2,050 AWARD TO INJURED WOMAN

Jury Finds in Her Favor Against a Trolley Company and Also Grants \$800 to Her Husband for the Loss of Her Services

Court hearing in the suit of Paul Snyder against the Hershey Chocolate Company, involving \$118 representing a bonus he claims is due him on wages he received in 1911, in the company's plant in Hershey, was begun before Judge McCarrell to-day. The jury was selected this morning and Snyder went on the stand as the first witness at the opening of the afternoon session.

Snyder's claim is for a share of twenty per cent. dividend on wages which was declared by the chocolate company in 1911. He and a hundred others did not receive shares of the bonus because they were not "active employees" of the company when the dividend was declared. They had worked about eleven and a half months that year or until within two weeks of the time the bonus was paid. Snyder contends that because he was not discharged, but merely "suspended," he is entitled to the money.

The damage suit of Mabel and Harvey Lorch, against the Hummelstown & Campbellstown Street Railway Company.

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KICK CAUSES WOMAN'S DEATH

She Was Hunting Eggs When Attacked by Vicious Horse

Lowistown, Feb. 25.—As the result of a kick on the head by a vicious horse Mrs. Charles Stanley, wife of a prominent farmer, died here yesterday.

The accident occurred Tuesday afternoon, when Mrs. Stanley was in the barn hunting eggs.

The woman was found shortly afterwards by her husband, who noticed something wrong when he saw the animal running loose. It is believed both feet of the horse struck the woman, causing a fractured skull. Surviving her a husband and eight children.

PRZASNSZ IS TAKEN BY THE GERMANS AND 10,000 RUSSIANS ARE PRISONERS

Berlin, Feb. 25, Via London, 3 P. M.—The town of Przasnysz, Russian Poland, was yesterday taken by storm by German forces, according to the official announcement given out in Berlin to-day. The Germans captured 10,000 Russian prisoners.

The report is dated February 25 and reads as follows:
"In the western arena of the war: In Champagne the enemy yesterday continued his desperate efforts, which, in spite of the strong forces engaged, were again absolutely without success. Otherwise there has been nothing of importance on the western front.

"In the eastern arena: The engagements on the Memel, Bobr and Narow rivers continue. The town of Przasnysz, in Russian Poland, which had been extensively fortified, was stormed yesterday by the East Prussian reserves. After a stubborn fight we were victorious, capturing more than 10,000 prisoners, over 20 cannon, a large number of machine guns and a very large amount of war material.

"In other engagements fought north of the river Vistula during the past few days we have taken 5,000

FIRE CHIEF STARTS A BLAZE

Kindler Kindles One in Police Headquarters and City Electrician Diehl Has a Narrow Escape

The new fire extinguishers installed in police headquarters to protect the electrical switchboards of the police telegraph and fire alarm systems were used for the first time yesterday afternoon by Assistant Fire Chief Halbert to extinguish a blaze started by none other than Fire Chief Kindler. City Electrician Clark E. Diehl was dangerously near being burned.

Diehl was cleaning a stamping machine which is part of the police telegraph system. Charles T. Fleck, desk man, was pouring gasoline over it, allowing the gasoline to drop into a metal bucket. Chief Kindler came in, lit a cigar and dropped the match into the bucket, not knowing it contained gasoline.

A blaze six feet high shot out of the bucket between Diehl and Fleck. Seizing an extinguisher from the wall, Assistant Chief Halbert made short work of the blaze. There was no damage except to the feelings of the men figuring in the incident.

The extinguishers have been in police headquarters three weeks and were never used until yesterday.

GOVERNOR SIGNS TWO BILLS

Approves Measure Appropriating \$523,000 for Fight on Cattle Disease

Governor Brumbaugh arrived home from Philadelphia last night and to-day took up the two bills sent to him by the Legislature, approving both of them.

One appropriates \$523,000 to the State Live Stock Sanitary Board to pay the expenses of the eradication of the foot and mouth disease among the cattle of Pennsylvania.

The second creates the office of Assistant Chief of Standards in the Bureau of Weights and Measures connected with the Department of Internal Affairs at a salary of \$2,000, and a stenographer for the bureau at \$1,000 a year, and increases the salary of Chief James Sweeney, the head of the bureau, from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

4 MORE SHIPS LIE BENEATH SEA'S WAVES

Disasters to Vessels From Mines and Submarines Multiplying Fast and Furious

ALL IN GERMAN BLOCKADE ZONE

British Steamers Deptford, Western Coast, Harpallion and Rio Parana Latest Victims of Marine Disasters—Few Lives Lost

London, Feb. 25, 11.40 A. M.—One sailor lost his life when the small British steamer Deptford, 230 feet long and 1,208 tons, was sent to the bottom in 20 minutes either by a German torpedo from a submarine or by coming in contact with a mine in the North sea at 3 o'clock yesterday morning at a point off Scarborough. The fifteen other members of the steamer's crew were saved and were landed at South Shields at an early hour this morning.

The engineer of the Deptford says he was on duty in the stoke hold at the time the explosive torpedo or mine rent the Deptford in twain. He says he saw a flash of blue flame shoot up from the bottom of the ship and through her deck. The force of the explosion threw him down violently and stunned him. He managed to reach the deck, however, as the vessel was heeling and just as the lifeboat was being launched. It was the carpenter of the Deptford who lost his life.

After hours in an open and leaking boat in a snow storm which caused them to suffer acutely, the men say, they signaled a steamer, but no notice was taken of their appeal. Later, however, they encountered the steamer Fulgens, which picked them up and brought them into South Shields.

Some members of the crew say they saw the wake of a submarine after the Deptford was struck.

Western Coast Sunk in Channel

London, Feb. 25, 1.30 P. M.—The small British coasting steamer Western Coast has been sunk by a mine or torpedoed in the English channel at a point off Beachy Head. The crew was landed at Portsmouth to-day.

U. S. OFFICIALS AWAITING OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS TO END SHIPPING DANGERS

Washington, Feb. 25.—Increasing interest is being manifested in official and diplomatic quarters here in the outcome of negotiations on the part of the Washington government with the British and German governments with a view to ending danger to American shipping in the retaliatory measures of the European belligerents towards each other. The United States, through its latest proposals, seeks to secure the elimination by Germany of its naval war zone and the adoption by the belligerents of a definite policy regarding food shipments to civilian populations.

Officials here are said to be somewhat discouraged over the manner in which the proposals have been received by the British government which has submitted them to her allies, France and Russia. Unofficially it is said that German officials do not believe Great Britain would make concessions.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Another important victory over the Russians was announced to-day by the German war office, in the capture of the Polish city of Przasnysz. The heaviest fighting in Northern Poland since the expulsion of the Russians from East Prussia has occurred in the vicinity of this city and its fall is said to have led to the capture of more than 10,000 Russians. Petrograd has not confirmed the report.

The French and German official communication of to-day indicate that the calm on the western front is unbroken. French attacks in Champagne continue without important results.

A declaration in the House of Commons to-day by Sir Edward Grey constituted perhaps the most important

WALL STREET CLOSING
New York, Feb. 25.—Trading was at its dullest during the final hour with fractional recessions in Reading, Steel and Canadian Pacific. The closing was firm. Further improvement was recorded by to-day's stock market, leading issues showing net gains.