

LIGHT ON ABSENCE OF CITY PLANNERS

Umberger Didn't Know His Invitation to Wharf Confab was Meant for Board

HE DIDN'T TELL OTHER MEMBERS

Says They 'Feel Injured That Their Absence Was Taken as Indication That Their Action' in Opposing Ordinance 'Was Not Sincere'

How it happened that none of the members of the City Planning Commission, which had on February 15 informed the City Commission of its opposition to the ordinance giving the Harrisburg Light & Power Company the right to build a coal wharf on Har- gress Island, was present at the meeting of the City Commission which passed the ordinance finally last Tuesday by a vote of 3 to 2, was explained in a letter written by B. F. Umberger, secretary of the Planning Commission, and made public by him today.

The Umberger letter says that but one member of the Planning Board received an invitation to confer with the City Commissioners on the wharf ordinance. The member who did receive that notice was Umberger himself, and he did not attend the proposed conference because of a death in his family.

He supposed the invitation was intended for him individually, rather than as secretary, and so did not inform the other members of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Board secretary insists, however, that the Planning Commission had legitimate reasons for disapproving the plan to permit the light company to build a coal wharf on the island, and adds that those reasons doubt would have been fully supported had the Planning Commission been represented at the conference on Tuesday.

Umberger's letter was received by City Clerk Miller and it will be read to the City Commissioners at their meeting next Tuesday. The letter in full follows:

**The Umberger Letter**  
"In view of the fact that your honorable body passed the ordinance No. 186 without the presence of any member of the City Planning Commission, I feel it incumbent upon me to say that no member of our Commission, except myself, had notice of your request to be present at your meeting, through a misunderstanding. The notice was mailed by the City Clerk to me as secretary of the Commission, and was delivered to my business office on Wednesday morning, the seventeenth instant. Owing to a death in my family that morning, I did not see my mail until about Friday or Saturday, and then glanced hurriedly through it. I took the notice for a personal one and notified Mr. Taylor by phone I could not be present.

"It seems now that the notice was addressed to the Planning Commission, and I ought to have notified the other members of the Commission. The fault, if any is to be found, was mine. In this statement so that you may know no disrespect was intended to the public interest, and so that the public may understand that the action of this Commission in disapproving the ordinance was founded on good reasons and made in good faith.

**Planning Board Feels Injured**  
This Commission devoted considerable time and study to the ordinance, and was disappointed because the members believed it was against the best interests of the city. Their findings and the reasons therefor were sent to you in a communication of the fifteenth instant, in language so plain they could not be misunderstood. First, that the passage of the ordinance would not eliminate present conditions, but only change them. Second, that the Commission was convinced that the suggested site is not the only available one, nor the proper location. Third, that the granting of the privilege asked for would establish a bad precedent. To these reasons was added a statement that their decision was reached after very careful consideration. This language could not be misunderstood, and, in fact, was not misunderstood.

"While the members of the Commission do not want to be understood as practicing discourtesy to your honorable body, yet they feel that all of the facts were before you. They feel injured that the fact of their absence was taken as an indication that their action was not sincere and genuine. Speaking for the other members of the Commission, their probity and standing is such that they would not be guilty of saying anything so important a question. Speaking for myself, I am of opinion that the river front is worth more in dollars and cents to Harrisburg than all the coal in the river. With great respect and sincere regret for my personal lapse (which, under the circumstances, I am sure, will be excused), I am, respectfully,

"B. F. Umberger, Secretary."

**Former President Talks to Educators**  
By Associated Press.  
Cincinnati, O., Feb. 25.—Advocating a plan which would make a national standard of education practical by enlarging the Bureau of Education into a university, consisting of a corps of experts who would pass upon the efficiency, thoroughness and economy of the various schools system, former President William H. Taft addressed the Department Superintendence of the National Educational Association here today.

**No Action Against Judge Dayton**  
Washington, Feb. 25.—No action will be recommended to this Congress by the House Judiciary Sub-Committee hearing charges against Federal Judge Dayton, of West Virginia. Chairman McGillivray began preparing a report today which may serve as the basis of any action the Sixty-fourth Congress decides to take.

**Rutgers College Registrar Dies**  
By Associated Press.  
New Brunswick, N. J., Feb. 25.—Irving Strong Upson, registrar of Rutgers College, died today of heart disease. He was 60 years old.

OUTCOME OF CONFERENCE BY GERMANS TO DISCUSS U. S. NOTES NOT YET KNOWN

Berlin, Feb. 25.—Nothing has been known up to the present time of the conference of German statesmen last night to discuss the American identical notes on marine warfare and the feeding of civilian populations sent by the United States government to both Great Britain and Germany. This meeting was held in the residence of Dr. Von Botman-Hollweg, the Imperial Chancellor. Among the statesmen present was Gottlieb Von Jagow, the Foreign Minister. No further details have been given in Berlin of the reported sinking of a British transport by a German submarine. It is being explained here that the under sea boat in question sent only a brief wireless message, that details of the occurrence probably were not known even to her crew because of the limited field of observation of submarine periscopes. Furthermore, the submarine may have had no other opportunity to use its wireless apparatus.

The crew of the American steamer Evelyn, which went down in the North sea as a result of striking a mine, apparently have all reached Bremerhaven, the second boat having been picked up by a German steamer.

Neither the American embassy nor the German Admiralty has as yet received a detailed report concerning the loss of the American steamer Carib, which struck a mine off Helgoland in the North sea. The circumstances under which these two ships were wrecked are being investigated thoroughly. The American consul at Bremerhaven is taking the deposition of the master of the Evelyn, whose statement will determine the responsibility for the Evelyn being off the course described as safe by the German Admiralty.

The German announcement that a British troop transport had been sunk by a submarine has not been borne out from London, where it has been said that this report doubtless referred to the torpedoing of the steamship Branksome China, a government collier, which was attacked the afternoon of February 23 in the English channel at a point south of Beachy Head.

**THE DACIA ALMOST ACROSS ATLANTIC WITHOUT SEIZURE**  
New York, Feb. 25.—The steamship Dacia, which sailed from Norfolk February 11 for Rotterdam with cotton in the face of assertions that she would be seized by British men-of-war, was almost completed her trip across the Atlantic without interference on February 23, according to messages received here today.

These messages asserted that the Dacia was 400 miles west of Land's End, England, on that date and would proceed through the English channel to Rotterdam if not taken.

The Dacia is owned by Edward N. Breitling, of this city, who purchased her from the Hamburg-American Line and changed her registry, placing her under the American flag. Mr. Breitling also purchased the Segurana of the Ward Line, an American vessel, and had her remodeled as a freighter. The Segurana is now loading with provisions for Rotterdam and is expected to sail from that port within a day or two.

**HIGH COST OF LIVING IS SHOWN IN U. S. EXPORTS**  
Washington, Feb. 25.—What increases have been made in the export of foodstuffs from the United States since the European war began was disclosed today by the Department of Commerce in a detailed statement of exports for the seven months ending with January. In all, \$377,400,000 worth of breadstuffs and meat were sent abroad, compared with the same seven months of 1914 with an increase of \$188,000,000.

One hundred million bushels more of wheat were exported than last year; 38,000,000 bushels more oats; 10,000,000 bushels more corn; 40,000,000 pounds more fresh beef; 34,500,000 pounds more canned beef; 1,500,000 barrels more flour; 1,000,000 pounds more pickled beef; 22,000,000 gallons more gasoline, naphtha, etc., and 111,000,000 gallons more residum, fuel oil, etc., was sent abroad. At the same time there was a great decrease in the export of cotton.

**GREAT BRITAIN WILL FIGHT IF FRANCE AND RUSSIA QUIT**  
London, Feb. 25, 4.15 P. M.—Premier Asquith took occasion in the House this afternoon, in replying to a question, to endorse the opinion expressed recently by First Lord of the Admiralty Churchill in a newspaper interview that Great Britain would continue to fight to the bitter end, even should France and Russia withdraw from the war.

The Premier pointed out that Mr. Churchill had declared with special emphasis that he could not conceive of such a contingency as this, "but," added the Premier, "I am in complete agreement with him. I see no reason to differ from the views he has expressed."

**Enough Potatoes to Feed Germans**  
Berlin, Feb. 25, via London, 2.55 P. M.—The Prussian Minister of Agriculture, Baron von Schlegel, discussing the food question in the Diet today, said that quantities of potatoes would be brought in from Poland, and that large supplies were left in East Prussia, where the Russians had been. "I believe I can express the hope," he added, "that the potato supply for human food will suffice."

**Place Ban on Absinthe**  
Geneva, Via Paris, Feb. 25, 5.25 A. M.—The military governor of Strassburg, capital of Alsace-Lorraine, has prohibited the sale or consumption of absinthe. Persons who violate the order will be sentenced to a year's imprisonment.

**German Gold for Amsterdam**  
Amsterdam, Via London, Feb. 25, 6.51 A. M.—The "Telegraaf" says it has learned that a special train is bringing \$4,000,000 in German gold from Berlin to this city.

GREAT BRITAIN IN ENTIRE ACCORD WITH THE RUSSIAN DESIRE FOR ACCESS TO SEA

London, Feb. 25, 3.25 P. M.—Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, announced in the House of Commons today that Great Britain was in entire accord with Russia's desire for access to the sea.

"With Russia's desire for access to the sea England is in entire accord," the foreign secretary said, in response to a question from Frederick W. Joventhal, whether England knew of and approved the statement of the Russian Foreign Minister, M. Sazonoff, in the Duma, that "Russia intended permanently to occupy Constantinople."

The foreign secretary responded he was unaware that M. Sazonoff had made any such statement but, he added, "the statement I have seen was that M. Sazonoff had said that the events on the Russo-Turkish frontier would bring Russia nearer realization of the political-economic problem bound up with Russia's access to the sea. "With these aspirations," he continued, "England is in sympathy. What form their realization will take will no doubt be settled in the terms of peace."

The announcement of Sir Edward Grey marks one of the most important developments in the European political situation since the beginning of the war. Russia's desire for a warm water port and unrestricted outlet from the Black Sea has long been one of her most cherished national aspirations. Speaking in the Duma on February 9, Premier Goremykin said:

"Turkey has marched with our enemy, but her resistance already has been shattered by our glorious Caucasian troops, and the radiant future of the Russians on the Black Sea is beginning to dawn near the walls of Constantinople."

The attitude of Great Britain in the event that the fortunes of war should favor Russia in the struggle with Turkey has been an open question.

NO U. S. WARSHIP TO CONVOY AMERICAN TOBACCO MEN

New York, Feb. 25.—A committee of tobacco manufacturers who usually go to Amsterdam every spring to buy at auction their supplies of Sumatra tobacco for six months recently sent a letter to the Department of State telling of their fears to travel through the war zone and intimating that they would be glad if the authorities would send a battleship to convoy the vessel on which most of them would sail for Holland. An answer from Counsellor Lansing, of the State Department, made public today by the Leaf Tobacco Board of Trade follows:

"You are informed that the department is opposed to a war with Turkey. The disturbed condition of affairs in Europe, leave it to each person contemplating a visit there to decide for himself whether or not it would be wise to postpone his visit until affairs there in shall have resumed their normal state."

A they pay import duties of almost \$1,000,000, the manufacturers, it is stated, expected a different reply to their request for a convoy.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

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political development since the opening of the war. The foreign secretary announced that Great Britain was in sympathy with Russia. He referred to Russia's hope of obtaining Constantinople as a result of a war with Turkey.

The second year of Germany's submarine campaign opened today with the loss of two more British ships, the steamers Western Cross and Deptford were sunk off the English coast, either by mines or torpedoes.

Previously ten vessels, seven of them British, have been sent to the bottom. Germany apparently is preparing to extend the field of these operations, for three submarines have been sent to Pola, presumably for use in the Adriatic and Mediterranean.

The American proposals for cessation of this form of warfare and the admission of foodstuffs to Germany are before the German and British governments but there are no indications whether they will find acceptance.

Germany's claim to an overwhelming victory in East Prussia, resulting in the actual annihilation of the Russian tenth army, is denied categorically by the Russian general staff. The admission is made that two army corps suffered heavily during the retreat, but the remaining corps are said to have escaped from the German "surrounding movement. Efforts of the Germans to clinch their victory by striking a decisive blow in Northern Poland are leading to continuance battles all along this section of the front, the outcome of which the Russian staff does not attempt to forecast.

Hardly less intense is the campaign in the Carpathians. The Petrograd announcement claims successes for the Russians in small engagements. Dispatches from the front to Swiss newspapers assert that the Russians are winning consistently, and that the Austrians have lost more than 3,000 men at Dukla Pass.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS DOCTOR SENT TO SERBIA DIES ABOARD**  
Paris, Feb. 25, 5.05 A. M.—Dr. James F. Donnelly, of the American Red Cross Mission, sent to Serbia, died yesterday at Nish, says a dispatch to the Havas Agency from Saloniki. The body will be sent to the United States by way of Saloniki.

Dr. Donnelly, who was a resident of New York and a graduate of the University of Louisville, went to Serbia late in November with five other doctors and twelve nurses sent out by the American Red Cross. He had seen hospital service in Louisville and in New York. He held a royal medical decree in Holland.

**Grateful for American Relief**  
London, Feb. 25, 4.25 A. M.—Belgians in Brussels observed Washington's birthday as a holiday to demonstrate their gratitude for the work of the American Relief Commission, writes a correspondent in Rotterdam. School children were given a holiday and nearly every Belgian was in possession of an American flag in his button hole.

**IT PAYS TO USE STAR-INDEPENDENT WANT ADS.**

SUGGESTS IDEAS FOR NEW STATE COMPENSATION LAW

M. W. Alexander, Safety Expert, Tells Business Men at Chamber of Commerce Luncheon What Should Be Embodied in Proposed Measure

Pennsylvania has an opportunity to put into its workmen's compensation law a lot of new features of interest to both the employer and employee from the working out of the various laws now in force in twenty-four States and both England and Germany, according to Magnus W. Alexander, the safety expert for the General Electric Company, of Lynn, Mass., who spoke at a luncheon meeting of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce today.

He gave a general idea of what a compensation law should be, warning the business men who heard him of what provisions should be enacted into Pennsylvania's law, fair to both employer and employee. He dissected his subject into four parts and ably illustrated the points he wanted to make in regard to each.

He advocated first a measure that would work to promote the prevention of accidents by providing a simple method of liability on the employer and to workmen to receive but one compensation, cautioning the men to see that the Pennsylvania law requires that the money be paid the employee when it is due him.

He said prompt and adequate medical attention to the injured employee is one of the important features of such an act because lack of it often is responsible for continued disability. He advocated a definite scale of compensation and impressed on his hearers the advisability of providing a simple method of administration.

He said that could be done by the Department of Labor and Industry, but its decisions in appealed cases might be construed to be in favor of either of the parties because of the appointment of the State employed by political affiliation, suggesting that this department collect the available data of an appealed case and present it to a commission of judges who shall make decisions without a jury.

One feature that will give a one-eyed man, for instance, an opportunity of getting a job under this law he would make it so that the employer would be responsible for the loss of but one eye in case of his being rendered blind. This is not in any law so far enacted and has kept in numerous instances men from employment when managers of big businesses do not care to undertake that liability. In after years a big army of men out of work will be developed if this feature is not enacted in such laws.

He advocated first an act that could be accepted or allow the parties to take advantage of their common law rights and later a compulsory law. He excepts three cases of injuries from compensation, self-inflicted wounds, injuries due to intoxication and disregard for safety rules and appliances.

Mr. Alexander is an expert on compensation laws, having been on the original commission which drafted the Massachusetts law, assistant in drafting the measure which is now before the Indiana Legislature and is now the safety expert for the General Electric Company. More than a hundred members of the Chamber of Commerce heard him.

KIDNAP PAIR OF STORE DUMMIES

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dummies were found. The clothing had been removed from each and there was some evidence that the robbers each took a punch at the dummies before abandoning them. A coat was seen in response to a letter containing the initials, "R. N. P.," a fortnight or more ago, began a search for a husband for a pretty Harrisburg miss, little did he know that he was aiding in playing a prank on Mrs. Victor A. Ibach, 1845 H Street, this city, that had been planned by a girl acquaintance in a spirit of fun.

The initials given in the letter by the name before she was married. The letter to Mayor Rose asked him to search for a husband for the owner of the initials. Of course, the chief executive was willing, and consequently many letters addressed to "Miss R. N. P.," were received at the Herr street home, where Mrs. Ibach and her husband are boarded.

Today Mr. and Mrs. Ibach asked that it all be explained. They realized, they said, what fun their friends had out of the prank, but the Ibachs began to view the matter seriously when it got into the newspapers.

Now the young woman who caused the Ibachs all the trouble is sorry, "cause she never thought it would amount to more than a joke. She has quit laughing about it and prefers to let the victim of her joke have the last laugh. The husband of Mrs. Ibach is a son of City Detective Joseph Ibach.

**Garman for Superior Court Bench**  
Friends of Judge John M. Garman, of Luzerne, applied today for blank nomination petitions in the State Department, and announced they propose to present his name as a candidate for the nomination for Superior Court Judge. Judge Garman is an "Old Guard" Democrat, and was elected to the Luzerne county bench without opposition. At a dinner given in his honor last week in Dallas his home for Superior Court Judge was launched.

**RE-ELECTS DR. SURFACE**  
He is also Beekeepers Choice for Secretary of Agriculture  
The eleventh annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Beekeepers' Association came to a close last evening with an address on "Relations of Leagues to the Soil and Beekeeping" by Dr. H. A. Surface, who was re-elected president of the association. Dr. Surface was endorsed for Secretary of Agriculture to succeed Secretary N. B. Critchfield, whose term expires this week.

The annual election resulted as follows: President, H. A. Surface, Harrisburg; vice presidents, E. A. Wiener, Lebanon; C. N. Greene, Troy, and E. J. Strittmatter, Elmerberg; secretary, treasurer, H. C. Kling, Laverpool.

**600 Tons of Flour for Belgium**  
New York, Feb. 25.—Dr. A. L. Magness, of the American Jewish Relief Committee, announced today that he had arranged with the purchasing department of the commission for relief in Belgium, to buy six hundred tons of flour, which will be shipped to Palestine aboard the United States collier Vulcan.

**English Aviator Falls to Death**  
London, Feb. 25, 3.17 P. M.—Lieutenant Dawson C. Downing, of the Royal Navy Flying Corps, was killed today in a fall from a biplane during a flight at the central flying school.

**MRS. FRALICK, 90, DIES TO-DAY**  
Body Brought From Phoenixville to Home of Her Son for Burial  
Word was received in this city of the death of Mrs. Sarah M. Fralick, formerly of Harrisburg, which occurred in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Weidle, Phoenixville, early this morning. General debility was given as the cause of death. Mrs. Fralick was 90 years old.

The body was brought to Harrisburg this afternoon and taken to the home of Samuel K. Fralick, a son, 2219 Jefferson street. Funeral services will be held there tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, to be conducted by the Rev. A. S. Williams, pastor of Curtin Heights M. E. church. Interment will be made in the Shoop Church cemetery near Penbrook.

Mrs. Fralick leaves seven children as follows: George, Samuel K. Lewis L., John H., Louis E., all of Harrisburg; Mrs. Adian Bell, Hummelstown, and Mrs. Harry Weidle, Phoenixville.

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

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Russian prisoners. In Poland south of the Vistula, the Russians advanced to Mogily, which is southeast of Bolkow, and occupied this position. Their forces in this movement outnumbered ours five to one. Otherwise there is nothing of importance to report in this region.

"It is characteristic that the commander of the Fifty-seventh Russian reserve division, taken prisoner at Augustow, asked German officers whether it was true that Antwerp was being besieged by the Germans and soon would fall. When the situation on the western front was explained to this Russian officer he refused to believe that the German western army was on French soil."

Although the capture of Przaszyn has not been reported from Petrograd, recent dispatches from that city stated that heavy fighting was in progress in the region in which the German victory is now claimed in Berlin. Przaszyn is about fifteen miles from the east Prussian frontier, almost due north of Warsaw, and has a population of about 10,000. Following the capture of the Russian army from East Prussia the Germans inaugurated an assault on the fortified line in Northern Poland to which the Russians fell back. Of these battles the most violent has been in progress at Przaszyn.

**Do Not Report Przaszyn Fallen**  
Petrograd Via London, Feb. 25, 2.37 P. M.—The Germans appear to have concentrated large forces near Przaszyn, which is now the center of their attack in the region north of the Vistula. The action about Ossowetz, which had been the chief point of attack by the Germans, is becoming less intense.

Serious fighting is reported also further to the north, at Shtabin and Yastrzemb, points between Grodno and Augustow, but there is little information concerning the character of these actions. According to official comment, the Germans have exaggerated the magnitude of their victories along the East Prussian front, and from the Russian viewpoint the fighting in Northern Poland "is only now beginning."

The Germans claim that they have brought to a brilliant finish their winter campaign is characterized here as premature.

**Scattered by Russian Cavalry**  
The German detachment which crossed the river Niemen at three points on February 23 has been scattered by Russian cavalry and part of this force has been captured. Some of the prisoners had in their possession explosives and tools which indicated they were intending to blow up the railroad leading from Vilna to Warsaw.

In Galicia the Austro-German forces have occupied a new front extending from the Carpathians to Stanislau. The feature of this front is its thinness. The rear of the Austro-German lines touches Rumania. The line of communication is maintained not far from the rear but from the flanks being parallel with the Carpathians.

It is reported that the city of Wyszowo on the Vistula, has been damaged seriously by German shells.

Official communication from the German war offices today announced the capture of Przaszyn, described in the foregoing dispatch as the center of the German attack. It may be that the German news is of later date, reporting a development in the battle referred to above.

RUSSIAN TROOPS REINVADE BUKOWINA IN NEW ATTACK

London, Feb. 25, 5 P. M.—Russian troops have reinvaded Bukowina and occupied Sadagora on the railroad four miles north of Czernowitz, according to a dispatch received by the "Evening News" from Manoria, in Rumania. The Austrians, the correspondent adds, are pushing up their troops toward the Czernowitz to meet this new Russian attack.

**WANT NEW TRIAL FOR BECKER**  
Affidavit of Witness Says Latter Testified Falsely at Trial  
By Associated Press.  
New York, Feb. 25.—A motion for a new trial for Charles Becker, the former police lieutenant convicted for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, was made in the Supreme Court today. Becker's counsel said he based his motion on newly-discovered evidence to the effect that one of the State's witnesses to a material fact had testified falsely at Becker's second trial.

Attached to the papers was the affidavit of James Marshall, made in Philadelphia recently, in which Marshall repudiated a part of his testimony at the second trial.

THE NEW KAUFMAN STORES

Contract Let For Building to Take Place of One Destroyed  
David Kaufman, proprietor of the Kaufman Underselling Stores destroyed by fire, will rebuild at his old location at 4, 6 and 8 South Market square, and has engaged C. Howard Lloyd, an architect, and has let the contract for building to W. S. Miller.

The new building will include the first floors of all three buildings and have eighty feet of window space. The new store will open for business in the fall. The temporary store at 9 North Market square, will be open soon with a new stock of spring goods.

**William B. Cunningham**  
William B. Cunningham, 50 years old, 310 Hummel street, died in the Harrisburg hospital this morning of heart trouble. He was admitted to that institution February 21 in a critical condition.

**\$50 Reward Offered for Body**  
George Redwinger, father of Howard Reintmeyer, who was drowned in the Susquehanna river at Berwick on Monday, has offered \$50 reward for the recovery of the body. A notice of this reward was sent to the Harrisburg police this morning.

**Schaeffer Signs Federal Contract**  
New York, Feb. 25.—Hermann Schaeffer, formerly of the Washington American League baseball club, has signed a two-year contract with the Federal League and has been assigned to the Newark Club, according to an announcement from Federal headquarters here today.

CAPITOL HILL STATE PROBING SMALLPOX

Farmer Afflicted With the Disease Travels About Indiscriminately in Clarion County  
The State Health Department was today informed of a case of smallpox in Farrington township, Clarion county, from which serious consequences may ensue. A farmer residing at a point near to Kane and Johnsonburg who has been suffering from the disease has been traveling about indiscriminately, and been in contact with many people before the nature of the disease was discovered. He was at once quarantined and every precaution has been taken to prevent a spread, but it is feared that an epidemic may ensue.

**Was Commission Counsel**  
James W. King, the Philadelphia attorney who committed suicide by jumping into the Potomac river at Washington, and whose body was found yesterday, was a member of the Pennsylvania Commission to the Panama-Pacific Exposition and held the position of counsel to the Commission. Governor Brumbaugh will appoint his successor.

EVANGELICAL CONFERENCE

Opens in Reading With Bishop Praying That War Countries Soon See Folly of Their Course  
By Associated Press.  
Reading, Pa., Feb. 25.—The opening session of the East Pennsylvania Evangelical Conference was featured by the address of Bishop S. C. Breyfogle, this city. He prayed that the war-stricken countries open their eyes and see the folly of their course. Bishop Breyfogle's annual sermon was on "The Call of the Hour—A More Real Sense of God."

He said, among other things: "It is a fateful hour. The church of today faces conditions some of which are appalling, conditions which, unless changed, threaten disaster to Christian ideals and chaos to the moral order."

"Sin has left the mark of Cain upon the face of this age. The greed for money has destroyed the more humane sentiments. Political dishonor has discredited some of the most cherished institutions among men."

A memorial service for the departed members followed. The report of the examining board was made. The examination for the first year was taken by J. Harper Kinsey; Harry Maneval and Charles W. Harner, second year; Monroe S. Mumma, for the third year; W. S. Adams and O. P. Martin, the fourth year.

**Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 25.—Bishop W. H. Fouke, of Naperville, Ill., today opened the 21st annual session of the East Pennsylvania Conference of the United Evangelical church in Emmanuel church. The annual report of the Woman's Missionary Society of the conference showed that during the last year \$37,697.60 was received for missionary purposes, or \$3,000 more than in 1913, divided to districts as follows:**

Table with 2 columns: District, Amount. Includes Allentown, \$13,112.50; Harrisburg, \$11,504.85; Reading, \$13,080.25; etc.

PLAN TO RAISE BREAD PRICE

Pittsburgh Bakers Agree to the Boost and Federal Department of Justice Starts Probe  
By Associated Press.  
Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 25.—Inquiry into the plans of local bakers to increase the price of bread is being made by the Federal Department of Justice here.

The Master Bakers' Association of West Pennsylvania at a meeting Saturday agreed to boost the price one cent a loaf on all sizes retailing under ten cents but no date for the advance was fixed.

**Chicago Board of Trade Closing**  
By Associated Press.  
Chicago, Feb. 25.—Close: Wheat—May, 153 1/2; July, 125 1/4. Corn—May, 72 1/2; July, 74 1/4. Oats—May, 56 1/2; July, 53 1/2. Pork—May, 17.20; July, 17.55. Lard—May, 10.17; July, 10.35. Ribs—May, 9.77; July, 10.05.

ROAD BUILDERS IN SESSION

Experts, in Meeting of Township Supervisors, Discuss Improvements  
Half a hundred township supervisors and road builders of Dauphin county today attended the mid-winter meeting of the Dauphin county Road Supervisors' Association, which was held in the Grand Jury room in the Court House. E. D. Messner, Upper Paxton township, president of the association, was in charge of the meeting, and addresses were made by Thomas R. McDowell, superintendent of the State highways of Chester county; W. A. Wynn, engineer of the bureau of maintenance of the State Highway Department, and C. A. Hardt, assistant engineer of the second highway district, which comprises Dauphin and other counties.

McDowell spoke on the questions of road improvement, while Wynn and Hardt discussed at length the methods of maintaining roads after they have been improved. The officers of the association include E. D. Messner, president; vice presidents, C. F. Harmon, of Wayne, and John K. Zoll, of Hershey; secretary, I. F. Bogner, Speecheville, and treasurer, George Aungst, of Lower Paxton township.

It was planned to elect a new board of officers late this afternoon.

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PITY THE POOR VIEWERS! EVERYBODY IS KICKING

Neither the City, Nor the Property Owner Who Gets Benefits Nor Yet the Property Owners Who Are Assessed, Are Satisfied With Rulings  
Disatisfaction with decisions of the board of viewers who assessed damages and benefits incident to the opening and grading of sections of Mulberry, Twentieth and Hildrup streets is being expressed from three sources. This is a city improvement that required expensive cuts and fills and left the beautiful old Hilltop mansion now occupied by Arthur E. Nelson, high above the street level, while the ground back of the house is much below the street grade.

Nelson today took an appeal from decisions of viewers, contending that the damages allowed him are inadequate and that the benefits assessed against him are inequitable. Other property owners, affected by these grading jobs, also appealed. Some of them said that Nelson should not have been allowed damages to the extent of those awarded to him, and that they should be assessed for only such amounts as would be required to finance the improvement.

Even the city, through Solicitor Setz, has a kick against the findings of the viewers. The city's objection is centered on the Nelson assessments. The city contends it will be compelled to lay out much more money because of this improvement.

The appellants, besides the city and Nelson, include W. L. Gargas, who, incidentally, is one of the City Commissioners; A. E. Brough, Charles A. Kunkel and W. A. Winger, clerks.

Under the viewers' decisions Nelson will receive something like \$2,200, or about a \$1,000 less than he contends he should have been allowed to him. The appeals all were filed with Prothonotary Holler and will be considered by the court at a time not yet fixed.

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