

## W. J. HENSEL DIES IN HIS 64TH YEAR

### Former Attorney General of State Succumbs in Savannah After Long Illness

### FOR MANY YEARS IN PUBLIC LIFE

Leading Member of Lancaster County Bar Was Also An Editor and Publisher—Active in Democratic Councils of State and a Fine Orator

William Usher Hensel, of Lancaster, former Attorney General of the State, widely known in Pennsylvania journalistic and legal circles and prominent for years in politics, died in Savannah, Georgia, last night, after a long illness. He was 63 years old.

Mr. Hensel was prostrated by illness several months ago, and it was feared he would die then, but he rallied and by careful nursing in his country home near Lancaster he was in a short time considered out of danger, although very weak.

Two weeks ago he accepted the invitation of former Senator J. Donald Cameron, who for some time has been residing in Donegal, in Lancaster county, and who was Mr. Hensel's life-long friend, to visit him on his household, the Conewago, then in Southern waters, the object being to restore Mr. Hensel's health.

The journey apparently was successful at the start, for a letter recently received by Thomas Lynch Montgomery, State Librarian, from Mr. Hensel, who was then on the Cameron household "in Florida waters," as he expressed it, stated that he was much better but was still very weak.

At the time of his death Mr. Hensel evidently had arrived in Savannah where he suffered a relapse. The body will be sent to Lancaster.

Mr. Hensel is survived by one daughter, Mrs. John A. Nauman, wife of a member of the Lancaster bar, and several brothers and sisters, all residing in Lancaster county.

**Native of Lancaster County**  
Mr. Hensel was born in Quarryville, Lancaster county, in 1851, and after attending the Lancaster schools, entered Franklin & Marshall College where he was graduated with honors in 1870 with the degree of A. B.

In 1873 the degree of A. M. was conferred on him by the college. Subsequently both Dickinson College and Washington & Lee University conferred on him the degree of LL. D., and in 1912 Franklin & Marshall, his alma mater, conferred on him the degree of Litt. D. as an honor for his services as a member of its Board of Trustees, of which he was president. He was admitted to the bar of Lancaster county in 1873, having while studying law, been a reporter on the Lancaster "Intelligencer."

Mr. Hensel throughout all his life continued active in journalism, although

**SCHMIDT INTERESTS BUY  
HARRISBURG BAKING CO.**

Two Largest Bakeries of Harrisburg Are to Be Operated by the Capital City Baking Company, About to Be Incorporated

The Harrisburg Baking Company, with a six-oven plant at Cameron and Swatara streets, was absorbed last night by a company of Harrisburg capitalists headed by Bernard Schmidt, owner of the Schmidt Bread Bakery, at Eighteenth and Holly streets.

The management of the South Cameron street plant was placed in the hands of E. W. Manbeck, formerly manager of that plant and later manager for Bernard Schmidt at his Eighteenth street bakery. James A. Andrews, manager for the Andrews Brothers, of Erie, who operated the Harrisburg Baking Company, turned over the reins of management this morning.

Both the Schmidt and Harrisburg bakeries will be operated by a new company, which will be known as the Capital City Baking Company. Application for a charter for the new company will be made to the State Department by Fox & Geyer, Harrisburg attorneys, on March 22.

Neither plant will lose its individuality, according to Bernard Schmidt. The different kinds of bread baked now by the two concerns will be continued. Mr. Schmidt said there will be no change in the size of the loaves now being sold nor in the price, notwithstanding the fact that the price of flour is above normal. Mr. Schmidt would not make public the price paid for the Harrisburg bakery.

The plant of the Harrisburg Baking Company was opened in 1908 with four ovens, and the business has steadily increased until two more ovens have been added. Mr. Schmidt went into the baking business in a small way on Derry street in 1891. His Thirtieth street plant was opened in 1900. That plant was destroyed by fire in 1911 and the construction of the new plant at Eighteenth and Holly streets was then started. This plant was opened April 8, 1912. Six ovens are operated there and the combined output of the two bakeries to be operated by the Capital City Baking Company will total 75,000 loaves of bread a day.

## WORK ON THE NEW HICKOK PLANT TO START IN MONTH

Announced To-day That Buildings to Cost \$100,000 Will of Themselves Occupy Five Acres of the Nine-Acre Plot Facing On Cumberland Street

It was announced to-day that the Hickok Manufacturing Company's new plant to be erected along the Pennsylvania railroad tracks near Cumberland street, will occupy nine acres and the buildings alone will cover five acres. This plant will be built because the old plant in the Capitol Park Extension zone has to be abandoned, having recently been sold to the State for \$210,000.

Work on the new plant is expected to start within the next month, and the buildings will be completed early in the fall. Work will be rushed on every part of it. Day & Zimmerman, of Philadelphia, architects and engineers, who are regarded as experts in this class of work, are preparing the plans, which are almost finished and will have charge of the work when the contract is let.

The new buildings will cost about \$100,000. They will be of concrete, brick and steel. The front part will be two stories high and contain the offices. The rest of the plant will be one-story in height of "saw-tooth" roof construction by which the light will all come from the roof.

It is the intention of the company to move into the new building much of the present machinery, but a large lot of new machinery will be purchased and put under the new roofs. The entire plant will be modern and thoroughly up to date and with a roof tank for water for use in the various departments and in case of fire.

The buildings will contain the iron and brass foundries, the machine shop, wood shop, paint shop, blacksmith shop and modern plating department, all of which will be thoroughly equipped with modern machinery for the manufacture of the products of this old-established company.

As soon as the company has moved from its present location, which was first occupied by the founder of the firm more than half a century ago, the State will sell the old buildings to the highest bidder. They will be removed at once and there will be another big hole in the Eighth ward.

It is possible that all of the buildings will be cleared away within a year, including the manufacturing plant proper and the old shoe factory fronting on State street near the bridge across the Pennsylvania railroad.

## 5 DROPPED FROM FORCE OF PUBLIC WORKS BOARD

Three Engineers, an Assistant and an Inspector Are Let Go Because There Is No More Work for Them to Do—Board to Be Abolished July 1

The first cut in the engineering force of the Board of Public Works, which is to be abolished on July 1, or immediately after the present big city improvements are completed, was made to-day, when five engineers, assistants or inspectors, were dropped because there is no more work for them to do.

Those retiring are Henry M. Gross, Lemuel D. Dubois, Joseph Bingham, engineers; Frank S. Keet, assistant, and William Halbert, an inspector. Only Chief Engineer Joel D. Justin and his stenographer, Miss Sarah Powell, and two other engineers, Elbridge Cowden and Lou Shoaf, are retained.

The reduction in the force was decided upon in a conference between the two members of the Board of Public Works, E. C. Thompson and J. William Bowman, and William H. Lynch, Commissioner of Highways. Lynch said this afternoon that all of the engineers will be reinstated if their services are needed before the Board of Public Works goes out of existence. He added, however, that Cowden and Shoaf, too, will have to go in a couple of weeks unless more work develops for them to do.

Those employees who were dropped to-day, Lynch said, had been employed recently in preparing estimates on the improvement jobs which have not yet been completed by the contractors. By July 1, when the several big public improvement jobs are completed, the members of the Public Works Board and all engineers then in the Board's employ will be dropped permanently and the department abolished.

Under plans now being prepared by the public works engineers, the coal wharf at Market street and the river will probably be abolished and the eighty-foot gap in the river wall closed. However, the question of whether the city can legally close the wharf has arisen and City Solicitor Seitz next week will be asked to give his opinion on that subject. Should Seitz decide that the city can close the wharf, then the Stucker Brothers' Construction Company, which has the contract to build the wall, will be authorized to close the gap.

## FIRE IN COVENANT PARSONAGE \$200 Damage to Home of the Rev. Harvey Kleier

Fire starting in some rubbish in the basement of the parsonage of the Covenant Presbyterian church, at 521 Peffer street, did \$200 worth of damage to room to-day. The Rev. Harvey Kleier, pastor of that church, who resides in the damaged dwelling, is at a loss to account for the fire other than that children who were playing in the basement this morning, accidentally kindled the blaze.

The fire charred the joists which support the first floor and a good portion of the basement. The district firemen were called from Box 213, Fifth and Peffer streets, and were in service twenty minutes.

A defective flue in the home of George Walters, 1702 Fulton street, caused a slight fire last evening. An alarm was turned in from Fourth and Hamilton streets, but the firemen were not needed.

## DAMAGE TO RIVER FRONT IS LARGE

### Flood Has Washed Out Fill and Bared Rocks Between Maclay and Kelker Streets

### TAYLOR CANNOT ESTIMATE LOSS

14,000 of the 15,000 Yards of Dirt to Be Dumped Under the \$4,000 Contract Had Already Been Placed on River Bank by Hauling Company

Damage that may run into several thousand dollars has been done by the high water in the Susquehanna river, to the river front fill, between Kelker and Maclay streets, where loose dirt from the Pennsylvania Railroad improvements in South Harrisburg has been dumped in the last few weeks. The exact extent of the damage, however, cannot be estimated until the waters recede to a stage below eleven feet which will bring the top of the concrete wall above the surface of water.

The original contract called for dumping 15,000 cubic yards of earth on the bank after placing large stones for a foundation. The cost of this to the City is to be \$4,000. Park Commissioner Taylor said this afternoon that between 13,000 and 14,000 cubic yards already have been dumped. He said he will be unable to estimate the flood damage until the water recedes.

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## WILDMAN ELECTED HEAD OF THE J. TNEY 'BUS COMPANY

Temporary Organization Effected Last Night of Concern That Proposes Operating Line of 50 Autos in the Streets of Harrisburg

Temporary organization of the Jitney Transportation Company, a concern which has announced its purpose to operate a fifty-car auto "bus line in the city and Steelton, was effected last evening. Augustus Wildman was made president; Ross Oenslager, secretary, and Owen M. Copelin, treasurer.

Notice of the new company's intention to apply to the Public Service Commission for a charter will be filed on Monday, and on the following day the company will meet again to consider plans for the "busses" which plans now are being prepared. A representative of an auto concern, which is furnishing the plans, has assured the promoters that if an order is placed at once with his firm the first installment of cars will be ready for shipment within thirty days or immediately at the time the company expects to get its charter.

The authorized capital stock of the company is \$25,000 of which a representative said, more than ten per cent. already has been subscribed. A permanent organization will not be formed, it was said to-day, until the company is chartered by the State.

City Treasurer O. M. Copelin and District Attorney Stroup, who are interested in the company, today received copies of a San Francisco newspaper

## EIGHT OF EVELYN'S CREW LOST WHEN VESSEL SANK

Washington, Feb. 27.—Minister Van Dyke at The Hague cabled to-day an unofficial report that eight of the crew of the American steamer Evelyn sunk by a mine in the North Sea had been lost.

Yesterday he sent an unofficial report that the missing boat load was safe.

## FIVE LINERS START FROM U. S. FOR BLOCKADED ZONE

New York, Feb. 27.—Five passenger liners bound for ports in the war zone set by Germany around the British Isles were included in to-day's sailings from this port. Hundreds of passengers were aboard.

The Lusitania, now the largest as well as the fastest passenger ship traversing the Atlantic, had many cabin passengers booked for Liverpool. The American liner St. Paul for Liverpool, the Holland-American steamer Rotterdam for Rotterdam, the Touraine for Havre and the Kristianfjord for Bergen were the other sailings.

American flags and the words "American Line" in letters four feet high, were painted on both sides of the St. Paul's hull. Two more American flags were painted on her bows. The Rotterdam was marked for identification by lettering on her hull giving her name and destination.

**Moulin Rouge Ablaze in Paris**  
Paris, Feb. 27, 9:50 A. M.—The Moulin Rouge, well known as a center of the night life of Paris, caught fire early this morning. The entire department of the center of Paris was called out in an endeavor to put out the flames.

## "PAPA" DIDN'T KNOW NEW BABY WAS 5 WEEKS OLD

Wise Auntie, However, Punctured Plot to Foist Adopted Youngster on "Dad" When She Remark Upon Length of the Little One's Hair

(Special to the Star-Independent.)  
New York, Feb. 27.—Since his marriage, fourteen months ago, Charles Kirk's one ambition has been to be the father of a bouncing boy, and several months ago his prettily wife of 20 whispered something to him when he returned one evening to his home, 65 Chestnut street, Weehawken, N. J., which pleased him immensely. He kissed her effusively and told her he was very happy.

Wednesday evening when Kirk came from the Tietjan & Lang ship yards, where he is a foreman, his sister-in-law, Miss Dorothy Wrenn, met him at the door and whispered:

"It's a splendid, beautiful boy and he is going to be Charlie, Jr."

The sister-in-law had attended Mrs. Kirk, he was informed, after a Passaic physician left.

"She is doing splendidly," Kirk was told. "But you can only have a peep at the baby now. Don't try to pick him up or wake him. It won't do. He's too young."

So Kirk had to content himself with

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## LOCAL GAME COCKS HOLD OWN IN INTER-CITY MEET

Harrisburg Sports Place Heavy Side Bets on Bout With Philadelphia Birds Held Quietly on Neutral Grounds in Shamokin

Harrisburg sports are talking to-day of a cock fight held in Shamokin on Thursday evening in which Harrisburg and Philadelphia game cocks participated and in which the result was a draw.

For some time there has been much rivalry between the breeders of chickens in Harrisburg and Philadelphia regarding the pugilistic merits of their breeds, and on two occasions—once in Philadelphia and a second time in Harrisburg—when the two rivals met, the result was unsatisfactory, each faction winning in its home town. The third bout was fought Thursday on neutral grounds—Shamokin—and about a score or more of Philadelphia and Harrisburgers were present.

The terms of the match were that six fights should constitute the main, except in case of tie, when a seventh should be fought. The stakes were \$500 a side, but the side bets were very heavy. The fight took place in a garage

## TWO HOTELS MUST CLOSE BARS PENDING DECISIONS

Ann Street Hostelry, in Middletown, and the Berrysburg Hotel Will Have to Stop Sale of Liquor Monday Until Court Passes on Them

Three liquor establishments—two hotels and one bottling works—that today are doing business in Dauphin county will not open on Monday morning. The hotels will be unable to open their bars on that day, because the court has not yet decided whether their licenses will be renewed. The bottling works of John Mackert, Lenkerville, will be closed for at least a year by reason of the proprietor having withdrawn his application for a new license.

The new license year starts on Monday. The St. Lawrence hotel, Berrysburg, will have to close its bar temporarily on that day because the con-

## STROUP QUITS LIQUOR CASE District Attorney Withdraws as Counsel for Berrysburg Hotel

District Attorney M. E. Stroup, who, with Horace A. Segebaum, had been counsel for William H. Bowman, proprietor of the St. Lawrence hotel, Berrysburg, whose application for a renewal of his liquor license has been held up pending the court's inquiry into the charge that the hotel has been violating the liquor laws, this morning obtained permission from the Dauphin county court to withdraw from the case. He indicated that his withdrawal was not meant in any way to prejudice his former client's chances of getting a renewal. Stroup told the court he thought it was the most advisable thing for him to do.

"When I consented to represent Mr. Bowman there were no charges of a violation of the law preferred against him. Since that time such charges have been preferred, and I deem it inadvisable and inconsistent with my position as District Attorney—no matter whether these charges are well grounded or not—to represent him in this matter, and have so advised Mr. Bowman. With the permission of the court, I, therefore, desire to withdraw as attorney for the applicant."

Judge Kunkel made this reply: "We think your action unquestionably is proper. As a public officer and representative of the Commonwealth, we cannot very well see how you can represent the Commonwealth in criminal matters and at the same time represent one who is charged with a violation of the law. We will allow your application."

## PREMIER ASQUITH AND CABINET CONSIDERING U. S. PROPOSALS



Washington, Feb. 27.—An indication of the British government's attitude towards the American government's informal proposals to Great Britain and Germany for the removal of dangers to neutral shipping, officials here thought would be forthcoming to-day. At any rate, an answer is expected in a few days. The German government's attitude on the issue is already known to be favorable to making concessions and as supplying the basis for negotiations between the nations involved.

## MOVIE ACTOR DIES IN STAGING BATTLE

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## GRAND PRIX AUTO RACE ON

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—Thirty-five drivers turned up their cars to-day for the sixth Grand Prix automobile race scheduled to start at 10:30 a. m. on the Panama-Pacific exposition four-mile course.

## RUSSIANS FIGHT STUBBORNLY TO REJOIN THE MAIN ARMY

London, Feb. 27, 7:17 A. M.—A dispatch to the "Times" from Petrograd says that information has been received in the Russian capital that several units belonging to the Twentieth corps, which was surrounded by the Germans in the retreat from East Prussia, still are fighting stubbornly and probably will be able to rejoin the Russian army.

## LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The efforts of the German and Austrian armies to crumple both ends of the long Russian front are reported to-day to have been checked. Petrograd states that the German drive at Warsaw from the North has been countered. The official report from Berlin says that new Russian forces have appeared in Northern Poland and began attacks. Near Kolno, the statement announces, 1,100 Russians were captured. In Eastern Galicia, at the other end

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## BRITISH SHIP TORPEDOED IN CHANNEL

### Reported That Merchantman Meets a Disaster Off Saint Valery-Sur-Somme

## FRENCH VESSEL GOES TO ASSIST

Wreckage Picked Up Near Christiania Indicates That Submarine U-9, Germany's Terror of the Seas, Has Met Fate She Meted to Others

Dieppe, France, Feb. 27, via Paris, 5 A. M.—It is reported here that a British merchant ship has been torpedoed in the English Channel off Saint Valery-Sur-Somme. A French torpedo boat destroyer has gone out from Dieppe to the assistance of the British ship.

Christiania, via London, Feb. 27, 3:50 A. M.—Wreckage picked up near Christiansand appears to indicate a disaster to the German submarine U-9.

The German submarine U-9 has played an important part in the naval activities of the war. It sank the British cruisers Hogue, Aboukir and Cressy in the North Sea on September 23, and eluded pursuit. On October 25 it sank the British cruiser Hawk.

A Dutch steam trawler reported November 1 that it had met the U-9 in a disabled condition off Haaks lightship near Helder on the north coast of Holland. Its trouble had been caused by becoming entangled in fishing nets. There have been no reports regarding the U-9 since that date.

## FORTY WARSHIPS OF ALLIES SHELLING TURKISH PORTS

Athens, Feb. 27, via London, 5:12 P. M.—An allied fleet aggregating forty warships to-day penetrated the Dardanelles straits as far as Hortort and within range of Fort Intepo on the Asiatic side, according to reliable information reaching here to-day.

Fort Intepo was destroyed. Various Turkish engagements also were bombarded. The ships are now within range of Fort Dardanos.

A French squadron is cruising under the forts at the entrance to the straits, which are now entirely dismantled.

Paris, Feb. 27, 11:15 A. M.—The Athens correspondent of the "Matin" has forwarded the following:

"After the complete destruction of the forts at the entrance to the Dardanelles, the allied fleet penetrated the straits and shelled the interior forts. It proceeded down the Dardanelles 14 miles from the entrance."

## THE ALLIED FLEET BOMBARDS INNER DARDANELLES FORTS

London, Feb. 27, 4:49 A. M.—The allied fleet has bombarded interior forts in the straits of the Dardanelles, according to an Athens dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company. The fire directed upon Fort Dardanos is said to have been particularly severe and the Turkish reply feeble.

The Sedd-el-Bahr lighthouse, at the entrance to the Dardanelles, is in flames. The fort of Dardanos is the first to be passed after those which guard the entrance to the straits.

## GERMAN SOLDIER SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR PILLAGING

Rounes, France, Feb. 27, Via Paris, 5:05 A. M.—A German soldier named Carl Vogelgesang, of the Twenty-sixth Saxon infantry, a native of Eislobon, has been sentenced here by a French court martial to military degradation and death, having been found guilty of pillaging while under arms, of arson and of dispatching French wounded.

The principal evidence against this German soldier were the entries in his own diary which was found on his person when he was searched after having been made prisoner by the French, the fifteen of last September. Vogelgesang denied before the court that he had killed wounded men. He admitted the other charges, however, but declared that he was acting under superior orders.