

LINER NEW YORK'S PERILOUS VOYAGE

American Vessel Arrives in New York After Passing the War Zone Blockade

U. S. FLAG FLOATS ATOP ALL MASTS

Extraordinary Precautions Against Mines Observed—Lifeboats Were Swung Outward, Ready for Immediate Use in Case of Disaster

New York, March 1.—The American liner New York arrived today from Liverpool after taking unusual pains to make known her nationality while passing through the war zone declared by Germany around Great Britain.

Sharp Lookout for Mines. To guard against the possibility of contact with mines a sharp lookout was maintained and everything on board was in readiness for launching lifeboats in case a mine were encountered.

Many Women Buyers Aboard. The New York had 221 passengers aboard. Thirty-one of them, mostly women buyers for American business firms, came from Paris to Liverpool to catch the boat.

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POISON ROOT VICTIM LEFT 8 BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Harold Beckey Died Few Hours After Eating Herb—Three Other Persons Who Were Made Ill Are Now Pronounced Out of Danger

Middletown, March 1.—In a little one-and-one-half story home on Market street, in the lower end of Royalton, eight brothers and sisters, and Samuel Beckey, the father, are mourning today the loss of Harold Beckey, who, after several hours of agony due to eating poisonous roots, died on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The boy was five years old on September 19, last. Russell Beckey, his twin brother, and Mrs. John Kreiser and her son, Charles, also were made dangerously ill through eating some of the roots and not until last evening did the attending physicians pronounce them out of danger.

Opinions differ as to what the poisonous roots were. Some persons say they were wild parsnips, while others cling to the belief that they were wild artichokes.

The poison roots were unearthed at the Kreiser home while John Kreiser Sr., at noon Saturday, was digging up a quantity of home-raised radishes.

Two hours later, and after the Beckey twin brothers had returned home, the quartet became violently ill. Harold Beckey fell over just outside the kitchen door of his home and died shortly after Dr. William P. Evans arrived to give medical aid.

The mother of the Beckey twins died two years ago and since that time one of their older sisters has been aiding the father in looking after the family.

Funeral services will be held at the home of the grandfather, Jacob Beckey, Water street, Royalton, tomorrow afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock. Interment will be made in the Middletown cemetery.

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CAPITOL HILL

TYPHOID FEVER DEATH RATE LOWERED IN STATE

Report of Health Commissioner Dixon Shows Decrease of 10 Per Cent. In Past Decade—Other Contagious Diseases Diminishing Rapidly

There were fewer deaths from typhoid throughout the state during December than have occurred in that month for the past ten years.

To-day Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, commissioner of health, has served in that capacity for a decade. During that period typhoid fever has been reduced 75 per cent. in Pennsylvania.

The State Department of Health was first organized the equivalent of twenty million dollars a year in the lives of four thousand of its citizens which were annually sacrificed to this disease.

Now there are less than a thousand deaths annually from this cause and as the figures show the present low rate is still decreasing.

The death rates from tuberculosis, measles and diphtheria have all decreased during the same period. A comparison of the average number of deaths per thousand inhabitants when the Department of Health was established and at the present time shows that more than twenty-five thousand lives have been saved.

There have been 637,578 more births than deaths in Pennsylvania during this period.

Governor Returns. Governor Brumbaugh returned from Philadelphia last night and was at the department early to-day.

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LAWMAKERS BACK AFTER LONG REST

Full Crew Repealer and Workingmen's Bill Are Subjects of Much Controversy

SESSIONS START AGAIN TO-NIGHT

Local Option Measure Will Be Placed on the Calendar and Then Sent Back to Committee to Permit Public Hearings

It is not expected, from statements made by Senators and Representatives who arrived to-day for the legislative sessions to-night, that much will be done in either House or Senate this week.

Both houses to-night will hold their first meetings after the long recess of ten days, and will take up the calendars in regular order, but there is nothing of statewide interest to be considered.

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FINANCE

A NEW MINIMUM PRICE FOR LOUISVILLE AND NASHVILLE

Stock Suffers Two-point Decline in Early Market—Reading Responds Favorably to Moderate Inquiry—Penny Heavy

New York, March 1.—A point advance in Union Pacific and a two-point decline in Louisville and Nashville to 110, its new minimum, were the principal features of today's early stock market.

Prices otherwise inclined to irregularity. Reading responded favorably to a moderate inquiry, while Pennsylvania was heavy on its poor statement of earnings for January.

Shares of the motor companies were again active at advancing prices. Americans, with the exception of Canadian Pacific, were lower in the London market.

Imports of \$750,000 gold from London, where the metal was obtained at the low exchange rates of a fortnight ago, acted as a partial stimulant in the early dealings, but prices fell under their best before the end of the first hour, with especial heaviness in New York Central and Canadian Pacific.

U. S. Steel yielded most of its gain after one lot of 3,000 shares had changed hands at 43. By midday trading became exceedingly dull.

Latest developments in the eastern zone were reflected in another severe decline in grain options. Selling of bonds for foreign holders continued.

Gradual recovery to the high level of the morning was made by some of the leaders after midday. Specialties were heavy however, American Locomotive pfd. and American Express falling to minimum prices.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Furnished by H. W. Snavely, Broker, Arcade Building, Walnut and Court Streets, New York, March 1.

Table with columns for Stock Name, Open, and Close. Includes entries for Alaska Gold Mines, Amal Copper, Amal Best Sugar, etc.

Chicago Board of Trade Closing

Chicago, March 1.—Close. Wheat—May, 147 1/2; July, 188 1/2. Corn—May, 71 1/2; July, 73 1/2. Oats—May, 54 1/2; July, 51 1/2. Pork—May, 17.10; July, 17.50. Lard—May, 10.17; July, 10.40. Ribs—May, 9.75; July, 10.05.

FAILS TO LIFT HIS LICENSE

Reese Doesn't Take Advantage of Right Granted by Court to Continue Wholesale Liquor Store

The wholesale liquor store at 109 South Second street, which for years had been conducted by James N. Reese, 4634 Derry street, did not open for business this morning.

The proprietor intentionally did not take out a license for the new year, which began to-day, although the court had granted the necessary permission.

The cost of a license covering such establishments in a city is \$500. Reese, when asked about his failure to renew the license, refused to discuss the question.

County officials, including Treasurer Bailey and Prothonotary Haller, said this morning that both Reese and his counsel were acquainted with the fact that unless he lifted the license before midnight on Saturday last, the business would have to close for the license year.

The Reese store is within half a block of the section where the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has razed many houses within the last six months to provide a site for its new freight station.

It was for many years a licensed place and one time was reputed to have done much business.

Wilson Signs Pension Bill. Washington, March 1.—President Wilson to-day signed the pension appropriation bill, carrying approximately \$164,000,000. It was the first of a large appropriation bills to reach the President.

NEW SENSATION IN PASSPORT FRAUD

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asked by the man to arrest his companion. He charged that the woman had thrown a seltzer bottle at him, but that he had dodged it and that the woman had then beaten him over the head with a cane.

According to the police, Matekiet showed no signs of the encounter, but the police had to entertain the complaint and they locked up the woman in the West 47th street precinct in care of the matron. Detective Burgess says the woman was fully clothed when he entered the room to make the arrest.

Woman Says She Was Trapped. The young woman, who claims to be Mrs. Annette Stegler, according to the police, told the matron that she considered she had been trapped. She said that a woman friend of hers, Anna Hoffman, had called her up by telephone and made an appointment to meet her in the evening, as she had something important to communicate.

When they met her woman friend was accompanied by two well-dressed young men, who invited her into their automobile and later, she said, they went to the hotel for dinner. It was later when Matekiet, it is said, began questioning her regarding the passport fraud case that the row occurred.

The young woman requested that Charles Griffith, who is counsel for Richard F. Stegler, be sent for and it is believed that he will appear in court later to-day when the young woman is arraigned.

The police, when they heard the story of the carefully guarded suit cases, were inclined to believe that they sheltered telephonic devices for recording conversations. The men carried the grips with them when they left the police station. The police learned that during the night Matekiet several times called a German newspaper on the telephone and held conversations with some person in German.

Mrs. Stegler Discharged From Custody. Mrs. Stegler was discharged later in police court. Had certain evidence been more definite, the magistrate said, she would have been inclined to send her accuser to the workhouse.

Almost at the moment of Mrs. Stegler's discharge in police court, the Federal Grand Jury returned an indictment charging her husband with conspiracy against the United States in obtaining an American passport falsely. Stegler is a German naval reservist. Two others were indicted with him, Richard Madien, in whose name the passport was issued, and Gustave Cook, of Hoboken, who it is charged, participated in obtaining the passport. The three men were to be arraigned late this afternoon.

Tried to Disrobe Mrs. Stegler. Mrs. Stegler testified that the party remained together during the entire period they were at the hotel and that the two men had tried to disrobe her. At no time, she testified, were she and Matekiet alone. She characterized the charge against her as a "frame up."

In dismissing the complaint the magistrate announced that he would be inclined to send Matekiet and his mate companion to the workhouse if testimony concerning their alleged attempts to disrobe Mrs. Stegler were more definite and clear.

PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED

D. L. M. Reker Purchases Entire Interest of W. H. Eller, in School of Commerce

The partnership of Messrs. Kellek & Raker which has successfully conducted the School of Commerce during the past eight years, has been amicably dissolved, Mr. Kellek retiring, and Mr. Raker, who has been principal of the school during the partnership period, assumes full control.

The change in ownership will not make any change in the character of management of the school. Mr. Raker will continue the same progressive policy that has made the School of Commerce an important factor in educational circles in Central Pennsylvania for a number of years.

The school has a daily attendance of 175 pupils. Five thoroughly competent teachers are employed, and the school has a complete modern equipment, including sixty typewriting machines, duplicating letter machines, stenotypes, etc.

The school was established in 1894 and has a steady and substantial growth. Many of the students are from suburban towns and a number are enrolled from all parts of the state.

Large, light and well ventilated quarters, including the entire third and half of the fourth floors of the Troup building at 15 South Market Square, are occupied.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Bonding Company Plans to Continue Shimmell Building

Representatives of the Fidelity Deposit Company of Maryland, bondsmen for the contractor on the Shimmell building at Seventeenth and Cathart streets, will appear before the School Board at 4.40 o'clock this afternoon with a plan for the continuance of work, which has been thrown up by contractor, John W. Emory, of Philadelphia.

The company will propose that building operations continue with present sub-contractors under a superintendent hired by the School Board. There appears to be enough money in this fund to continue the build without additional cost to the school district.

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SHOUTS GRIEF IN LIQUOR HEAR

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that he fell over on the pavement was carried away by his friends. "You were taken home!" he was asked.

"Oh no. They didn't take me home," he quickly replied. Just about that time one of the spectators within the bar oval softly bumped:

"Please don't take me home," W. S. Straub said that on his home from an evangelistic meeting where he had professed religion, joined a few friends at the St. Lawrence hotel and "had a couple beers." The fellows "set 'em up," said A. N. Null, a Berksburg stable, said he warned Bowman a sign to not sell intoxicants to men whom he named. He did this said because, "people were about about it."

A smile stole over Straub's face when he was asked for his opinion about his being in the oval of habitual drunkards.

"I have not been intoxicated eight years, not since I married my second wife," he said, "and I didn't know the people had the notion of me. The court here knew about it before I did. I was surprised when I was told about it."

Takes an Occasional Drink. Straub admitted that he takes occasional drink but denied the charge that his using intoxicants and getting drunk is a habit.

Another witness took the stand when he was asked as to the number of times he had become intoxicated. He thought it happened several times. When Senator Reidtman, with Horace A. Segelmann, examining the hotel man, again examined this witness, the witness preferred to speak in German.

The official court interpreter was to be had, and Howard W. Hingaman, local attorney, was willing to act as substitute.

The court at noon had not yet disposed of the liquor license application of Harry F. Eckerling, of the Paxton Inn, and Harry White, of the Adelphi street hotel, Middletown, which now are pending.

RIVER FILL WORK RESUMED

Commissioner Taylor Not Yet Able to Place Estimate on Loss Caused by Wash-out During Flood

Park Commissioner Taylor, according to J. R. Hoffert, assistant superintendent of parks, has not yet estimated the damages done to the river fill, between Kelker and MacLay streets by the flood of last week. Much of the fill washed so far into the bed of the stream that it cannot be recovered.

The contractor resumed to-day work of hauling dirt from South Second street and dumping it along the bank. Between 13,000 and 14,000 cubic yards of the fill had been placed before the flood, leaving only about 1,000 yards more to be delivered under the \$4,000 contract.

Hoffert said to-day that until the proposed shrubbery is firmly rooted in the new soil of the bank it will be impossible to prevent wash-outs which abnormal rises in the river occur.

The river is fast getting back normal and has dropped far below the top of the 11-foot concrete wall, and reported a fall on Sunday. The stream had at 8 o'clock this morning was 6.5 feet. The weather observers forecast stage of 6.5 feet by to-morrow morning. The weather will remain fair and cold.

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