

FINDS SAMPLES OF CREAM ARE BELOW THE STANDARD

City Health Department Says That Some of the Local Dealers Are Liable to Prosecution on Charge of Violation of Law

Eleven of the thirty dairymen distributing milk and cream in Harrisburg are liable to prosecution on charges of violating the health laws, says a report of the City Health Bureau to-day, based on tests by the City Bacteriologist of cream samples obtained from the dealers indicating the samples were below the standard.

The City and State Health Bureaus have laid down a rule that cream must contain at least eighteen per cent. butter fat, and one test made in Lebanon indicated, the report shows, that one sample of cream contained but five per cent. No fewer than twenty-seven samples were found to be below the standard.

Dr. John M. J. Raunick, the City Health Officer, said he is not prepared to announce when he will proceed against the dairymen, if legal action is decided upon.

The city milk standard requires all milk to contain at least 3.25 per cent. of butter fat, specific gravity at least 1.028, not to contain more than 500,000 bacteria per cubic centimeter and no coliform bacteria.

Following is a detailed report on the various samples of milk and cream submitted to the City Bacteriologist, as given out by the Health Officer:

Table with columns: Name, Percent. Specific Gravity, Bacteria per cubic centimeter. Lists various dairymen and their respective test results.

RE-ELECT TRACTION OFFICERS

Harrisburg Railway Directors Postpone Discussing Improvements

The Board of Directors of the Harrisburg Railway Company, which operates the trolley system in and about this city, organized for the year this morning at a meeting in the offices of the company in Market Square.

HIGH PRICE OF BBAD PROBE

Costs Two Cents and Fraction to Bake Loaf, Says Baker

New York, March 4.—Fifty retail bakers were under summons to-day to appear at the State Attorney General's inquiry into the causes of the high price of bread and testify as to how much profit they made in spite of the high cost of flour.

FUNERAL CAN BE HELD, CERTIFICATE GIVEN

Funeral Can Be Held, Certificate Given

Funeral can be held, certificate given Mrs. Jane Marshall, 73 years old, who died Tuesday afternoon at the Dauphin county almshouse, was out of the city, no death certificate could be given and plans for the funeral were delayed, as nothing could be done until the certificate was granted.

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POSTAL AND INDIAN BILLS NOT PASSED

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Reservation measures had been abandoned and, while the President worked, both houses marked time for the hands of the clock to touch 12 noon.

In the House the last hour was devoted to tributes to Speaker Clark, Representative Underwood and Republican Leader Mann.

Representative Palmer announced the presentation of a portrait of Mr. Underwood to be hung in the hall of the Ways and Means Committee.

There is no doubt Mr. Underwood soon will be the leader in the Senate. He is one of the greatest Americans in his time.

Mann Eulogizes the Speaker

The tribute to Speaker Clark was led by Republican Leader Mann, who eulogized the "able and loved Speaker" and presented a resolution thanking him for his services.

Mr. Clark paid a tribute to Republican Leader Mann, Progressive Leader Murdock and Representative Underwood, and said in conclusion, "I hope every member of the House will enjoy this long vacation if in the Providence of God it turns out to be a long one."

Retiring Senators Make Farewells

In the Senate, some of the Senators who are retiring from public life, made farewell addresses.

Careful consideration of the public interest in conservation legislation and the development of a larger spirit of comity between the United States and foreign nations, particularly those of Central and South America, was urged by Senator Burton, who was ending 22 years' service in Congress.

The total appropriations for the session were approximately \$1,120,484, 324, several millions over the record of previous Congresses.

In the closing hours, President Wilson signed the Seamen's bill, the neutrality resolution empowering him to prevent ships leaving American ports with supplies for belligerent warships.

The administration ship bill, the Philippine bill, the conservation bills, the rural credits provision of the agricultural bill and ratification of the treaties with Colombia and Nicaragua—all had passed administration measures.

Senators Pressed to Private Life

In the Senate, several members long prominent national figures—among them Senators Root and Burton, stepped back into private life, as the curtain fell.

In the House, Democratic Leader Underwood said good-bye, to sit in the next Senate, and three score or more members retired.

For many minutes before adjournment there was a lull in the Senate. Absolutely no business was transacted.

Senator Simmons paid a tribute to Senator Perkins, of California, who retired at noon. Senator Perkins sat for a moment in contemplation of the tribute.

Then he slowly half rose from his seat, feebly waved his hand toward the North Carolina Senator and his colleagues in a gesture of farewell, and then took his seat again, too overcome with emotion to speak.

Senator Gallinger offered a resolution of thanks to Vice President Marshall for his services as presiding officer of the Senate.

CONGRESS' WORK PRAISED BY WILSON IN STATEMENT

Washington, March 4.—After his return to the White House President Wilson dictated the following statement about Congress and its work:

"A great Congress has closed its sessions. Its work will prove the purpose and quality of its statesmanship more and more, the longer it is tested. Business has now a time of calm and thoughtful adjustment before it, disturbed only by the European war, the circumstances created by the war put the nation to a special test, a test of its true character and of its self-control."

"The constant thought of every patriotic man should now be for the country, its place, its order, its just and temperate judgment in the face of perplexing duties. Its dignity and its strength alike will appear not only in the revival of its business, despite abnormal conditions, but also in its power to think, to purpose and to act with patience, with disinterested fairness and without excitement in a spirit of friendliness and enlightenment which will firmly establish its influence throughout the world."

Photoplay To-day

Dainty Ruth Stonehouse, the Essanay leading lady, appears to-day in a two-reel drama, "An Amateur Prodigious." In this production Miss Stonehouse appears to great advantage and is ably assisted by an all-star Essanay cast.

"Her Husband's Son," Edison drama, in two parts, with Gertrude McCoy, the Gibson girl, and Robert Connors in the leading role, also is to-day's program. "A Mad-as-Adventure," Vitaphone comedy, with Madcap Dorothy Kelly as Tommy, a venturesome girl, is rescued and protected from a terrible adventure by Jimmy Morrison. Dorothy Kelly, as a boy and dressed in an evening suit, is a sight you should not miss.

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U. S. TO ENFORCE NEUTRALITY LAWS

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The resolution becomes effective upon being signed by the President and will continue during the existence of the European war.

Heavy Penalty for Violation

The resolution empowers the President to direct customs collectors to withhold clearance from any vessel of American or foreign register or license which the President believes to be "about to carry fuel, arms, ammunition, men or supplies to any warship, or tender or supply ship of a belligerent nation in violation of the obligations of the United States as a neutral nation."

If such a vessel sailed or attempted to sail without clearance a fine of from \$2,000 to \$10,000, imprisonment of two years, or both, and forfeiture of the vessel would be imposed. The President is empowered to use the military forces of the country to enforce the law.

STANDARD OIL CO. STEAMER PLATURIA AGAIN DETAINED

London, March 2, 2.15 P. M.—(Delayed in Transmission)—The Standard Oil Company steamer Platuria bound for Malmo, Sweden, has been detained at Kirkwall, Scotland, by order of Admiralty officials, pending an investigation.

The Platuria, a steamer of 2,204 tons, under command of Captain Carpenter, sailed from Philadelphia on February 3 bound for Malmo and Helsingborg. The Platuria was formerly the German steamer Diamant but she now sails under American register, having changed her flag last October.

This is the second time the Platuria has been detained by the marine authorities at Great Britain. The latter part of October, 1914, she was seized by British warships off the coast of Scotland and taken into Stornoway. At this time she was on her way from New York to Aarhus with a cargo of illuminating oil. The United States formally protested against her detention, and she was released in November.

New York, March 4.—The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey announced to-day that it had received a cablegram saying that its tank steamer Platuria, detained at Kirkwall, Scotland, by the British admiralty, had been released and was now on its way to its destination.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

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ern Poland, by the Russians, but assert the Russians suffered so severely during the attack that they were unable to resist further the orderly retreat of the Germans. This account is at variance with Russian reports of a few days ago which stated that the German retreat was the most disorderly and precipitated of any in that area of military activities.

The official German statement of to-day says that the French attacks in this region were repulsed easily. The French statement asserts that violent assaults by the Germans were defeated.

North of Arras, near the Belgian border, the Germans captured positions of the allies, which they say were nearly a mile in extent. Russian attacks near the Prussian border are said by the Germans to have failed. The German efforts to capture Osovetz had resulted in a violent battle, with no decision yet in sight.

STATE OF SIEGE PROCLAIMED TO QUELL CYRENAICA REBELS

Rome, March 4.—A state of siege has been proclaimed in the greater portion of Cyrenaica in an effort to put down a rebellion.

Cyrenaica is one of the independent administrative and military districts of Tripoli which now is under Italian control. A dispatch from Rome on February 10 says information has been received from Tripoli to the effect that rebels had reached Captain Volino whose native troops had almost entirely deserted him as the result of a rebellion in Libya. It was said that the rebellion had been encouraged by the withdrawal of Italian troops from the interior to the coast and that the movement gradually was encircling Tripoli itself where fortifications were being erected.

Want Cablegrams in Plain Language

New York, March 4.—The Commercial Cable Company announced to-day that the Dutch government had renewed its notice that cablegrams to the Dutch East Indies must be in plain language, English or French.

CABINET CRISIS IN BOLIVIA

Lima, Peru, March 4.—A cabinet crisis in Bolivia seems imminent. The ministers of foreign affairs, public works and home affairs have already resigned and it is expected that the remainder of the government will give up the post.

Floods have destroyed the bridge of the Bolivian Railway Company and traffic between Arica and LaPaz is interrupted.

THREE CHARGED WITH THEFT

Peddling Part of Kaufman's Sign When Taken by Police

As they were attempting to dispose of some junk late yesterday afternoon Edwin Kaiser, David Lowe and Peter Dickey were arrested on a charge of larceny by Policemen Schellhas and Dickey. The junk, it is alleged, was stolen.

It was part of the sign that once stood over the Kaufman Underselling stores in Market square and journal metal which has never been used. The stuff was taken to police headquarters to await identification.

COURT HOUSE VOLUMINOUS RECORD IN DEFUNCT TRUST CO. CASE

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Many Thousand Pages of Testimony Must Be Considered by Superior Court Which Is to Hear Appeals of Creditors

When the Superior Court, which meets here next week, considers appeals taken by creditors in the case of the Tradesmen's Trust Company, a defunct concern, whose affairs are being wound up by a receiver, that court will have before it a batch of books, papers and petitions, that with one or two exceptions possibly in larger than any other case tried in the Dauphin county courts.

The case goes into the Superior Court on appeals of creditors from the decisions of Eugene Snyder and Henry S. Berman, auditors who examined the accounts of Percy M. Chandler, receiver, and who are about to distribute unexpended balances amounting to more than a million dollars. The records in the case all have been on file in the office of the local Prothonotary, and take up more than a score of the regular filing cases.

This morning these records, which include many thousands of pages of testimony and other data, were packed into a box, preparatory to being sent to William Pearson, of this city, Prothonotary of the Superior Court. The packing case is 30 inches high; 15 inches wide and 13 inches thick. It was taxed to its capacity by the records.

To Transfer Licenses

Applications for the transfer of two liquor licenses, one a wholesale and the other retail, will be presented to the court on Monday, March 15, according to notices filed to-day with Prothonotary by Attorney L. C. Carl.

John S. Kodar wants to take over the wholesale business in "Mechanic Hall," now being conducted by John M. Staden and Peter J. Adamiak seeks the license held by John Andulis for the Palace Restaurant.

GERMAN NOTE TO U. S. MADE PUBLIC

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of mines, the German government would be willing to agree as suggested not to use floating mines and to have anchored mines constructed as indicated. Moreover, they agree to put the stamp of the government on all mines to be planted. On the other hand, it does not appear to them to be for the belligerent's interest to force the use of anchored mines for offensive purposes.

"Second—The German government would undertake not to use their submarines to attack mercantile ships of any flag except when necessary to enforce the right of visit and search. Should the enemy nationality of the vessel or the presence of contraband be ascertained, submarines would proceed in accordance with the general rules of international law.

Use of the Neutral Flag

"Third—As provided in the American note this restriction of the use of the submarines is contingent on the fact that enemy mercantile ships abstain from the use of the neutral flag and other neutral distinctive marks. It would appear to be a matter of course that such mercantile vessels also abstain from arming themselves and from all assistance by force since such procedure contrary to international law would render impossible any action of the submarines in accordance with international law.

"Fourth—The regulation of legitimate importations of food into Germany suggested by the American government appears to be in general acceptable, but that would on the whole include indirect importations by way of neutral ports. The German government would therefore be willing to make the declarations of the nature provided in the American note so that the use of the imported food and food-stuffs solely by the noncombatant population would be guaranteed. The imperial government must, however, in addition, emphasize having the transportation of other raw materials used by the economic system of noncombatants, including forage, permitted. To that end the enemy governments would have to permit the free entry into Germany of the raw material mentioned in the list of conditional contraband according to the same principles as food and foodstuffs.

MOOSE TO NOMINATE TO-NIGHT

Officers Will Be Elected at Meeting to Be Held March 18

Officers will be nominated at a meeting of Lodge No. 107, Loyal Order of Moose, to be held this evening at 8 o'clock. The election will be held on March 18. Following the meeting to-night a luncheon will be served.

Preparations are now being made for the annual St. Patrick's Day celebration, which will be held both afternoon and evening, March 17. A vaudeville show will be held in the evening, when appropriate souvenirs will be given to those who attend. Among the number on the program is "Pete" Pendegast, a local contortionist.

STORM IN WEST AND SOUTH

Snow, Rain and Sleet Hamper Wire and Rail Communication

Kansas City, Mo., March 4.—Snow, rain and sleet fell in night and today over most of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma, and parts of Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana, according to the local United States Weather Bureau. The snow, centering in the northern States, ranged in depth from two inches in Kansas City to nine inches in North Platte, Neb.

A driving wind from the northeast accompanied the storm in most directions causing snow to drift and tearing down the telegraph and telephone poles, greatly hampering wire and rail communication.

FRENCH OFFERS PLEASED WITH WAY U. S. RECEIVED FRANCO-BRITISH PROPOSAL

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Paris, March 4, 5.05 A. M.—The quiet and dignified manner in which the American press and public received the Franco-British declaration of proposed naval reprisals against Germany has made a strong impression in France.

Writers in the leading newspapers point out that a nation so devoted to business interests as the United States scarcely could be expected to remain unmoved at the proposal of closing the sea routes to a country which it does an annual business of \$500,000,000.

"We can prevent loss to neutrals," says the "Matin" by purchasing interloped cargo American vessels desire to deprive Germany. We should perhaps lose on these purchases which we neither could use nor resell until later but the loss would be a mere drop in the ocean of enormous war expense and very little in comparison to the extra blood it would have been necessary to shed for having neglected this necessary means to hasten the enemy's capitulation by economic strangulation."

Professor Charles Richet, writing in the "Figaro," declares that while the Germans contend the allies' blockade is barbarous and contrary to international law, a blockade carried out by a French fleet prevented British admiral from re-venturing General Cornwallis, thus forcing him to capitulate at York.

Prof. Richet says no historian has ever pretended this was a disloyal act and "we should be greatly surprised if the Americans 1915 condemned a proceeding which permitted General Washington in 1781 to win American independence."

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"This department has been earnestly endeavoring to rectify and ameliorate the bad conditions which were found to exist in this bank at the beginning of this administration. The troubles of the bank had, however, progressed too far and depositors and shareholders are paying the price of bad management. The failure was not caused by a run but by a persistent disregard of the elementary principles of sound banking."

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MOOSE LODGE FEEDS MANY SAUERKRAUT, PORK AND MASHED POTATOES GIVEN FIFTY FAMILIES ON RECOMMENDATION OF ASSOCIATED CHARITIES

Fifty families of destitute circumstances, ranging from four to fifteen members in a family, received their dinner to-day at the Loyal Order of Moose Home. This and Bone streets. The families were recommended by the Associated Charities, and came from every section of the city, with buckets holding from two quarts to two gallons, which were filled with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes and pork.

This was one of the many treats given annually by the Moose lodge. On this occasion, 35 gallons of sauerkraut, 2 1/2 bushel of potatoes, 50 pounds of pork and 200 loaves of bread were given away. Each person, in the majority of cases children, were given an amount proportionally to the number of members of the family. From one to three loaves of bread were also given a family.

A similar event to be held in the near future is now being planned by the lodge, at which time soups of various kinds will be served. Persons to receive the food at this time will be recommended by the Associated Charities.

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EVANGELICAL CONFERENCE OPENS SESSIONS TO-DAY

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J. C. Reeser Elected Secretary and Organization Effected—Dr. C. Newton Dubs Speaker at Missionary Service

(Special to the Star-Independent.)

Carleisle, March 4.—At the first business session of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United J. C. Reeser, of Lewistown, was elected conference secretary, and details of organization attended to. Bishop Dubs, of Harrisburg, was to have presided, but is prevented by illness from attending. About 200 delegates are present, 130 clerical and 70 lay.

At a missionary service last night the principal speaker was the Rev. Dr. C. Newton Dubs, of Harrisburg. The program for the conference follows:

Tonight—Temperance rally, the Rev. E. B. Dun, chairman.

Friday Evening—K. L. C. E. rally, the Rev. C. C. Mizner presiding. The Rev. L. C. Hunt, recently elected assistant editor of evangelical and Sunday school literature, will be the speaker.

Saturday Evening—At 7.30, missionary addresses. The Rev. B. H. Niebel, corresponding secretary of the Church Extension Society, will address the society at the conclusion of the session.

Sunday—9.30 a. m., Sunday school, W. Horace Corman, superintendent; 10.45 a. m., ordination sermon by the presiding bishop; 2.30 p. m., ordination service; 6 p. m., K. L. C. E. service, Halbert Jacobs, presiding; 7 p. m., preaching.

Monday Evening—7.30, the Educational Aid Society convenses, the Rev. A. Stapleton, chairman. Day sessions begin at 8.30 a. m.

TAYLOR TO ASK FOR MORE MONEY FOR RIVER FILL

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yards of additional filling material. He has not yet estimated the exact amount that will be necessary, but he did say that it will not exceed 5,000 cubic yards. That amount would cost a little more than \$1,300.

The Park Commissioner said to-day that much of the dirt that had been washed by the flood from the top of the bank was deposited at the base, covering unsightly rocks. He added that it would have been necessary to employ men to drag down the dirt to cover these rocks, but the flood has done that work and he says that the damages through actual loss of dirt is offset to some extent by deposits at the foot of the slope.

Both Taylor and his engineers who have examined the river bank where the fresh fill was made, immediately before the flood came, estimated the amount of dirt carried away by the high water to be from 500 to 1,000 cubic yards.

Taylor said that the City Commissioners, when they awarded the contract for the present fill to the Brown-King Company, virtually decided that additional material would be necessary beyond the 15,000 yards originally provided for.

The river bank, between Calder street and Maclay street will be extended between six and eight feet and in some places as much as twelve feet.

FINANCE

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

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CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE CLOSING

Chicago, March 4.—Close: Wheat—May 139 5/8; July 112 7/8. Corn—May 72 1/2; July 51 1/2. Oats—May 55 1/2; July 51 1/2. Lard—May 17.27; July 17.65. Pork—May 10.32; July 10.60. Ribs—May 9.87; July 10.17.

Wilson War Policy Endorsed Tabled Des Moines, Ia., March 4.—An endorsement of President Wilson's European war policy was tabled in the Iowa Senate to-day by a vote of 28 to 9.