

COMMERCIAL EXECUTIVES OPEN CONVENTION TO-DAY

Sherrard Ewing, of Reading, President of State Association, Says Community Service Is Keynote of Present Day Activities

Sherrard Ewing, secretary of the Reading Chamber of Commerce, and president of the Pennsylvania Commercial Secretaries Association, spoke on the work of commercial secretaries in a general way at the opening of the first annual convention of the State Association in the offices of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce in the Kunkel building this morning.

Plans have been made to take the visitors over the city in automobiles. Other activities include a dinner at the Harrisburg club this evening. Mr. Ewing said: "A broad community service is the present day keynote of Pennsylvania Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade. We are getting away from that worst of all impressions that an organization of this type has the same aims as a trade organization, to the new vision that our organization must serve the interests of the entire community whether member or non-member."

"In Pennsylvania we find the secretary who is fired by a conviction that his organization is performing a real function of usefulness to his community. It is only through organizations and their secretaries working with a deep-seated desire to serve that municipalities, America's greatest problem—a good place in which to live."

George H. Moser, manager of the Altoona Chamber of Commerce, delivered an address on the "Buy-at-Home" campaigns conducted with much success in that city. A. M. Howes, of Erie, spoke on "Credit Rating Bureaus," Kingsley Moses, editor of "Town Development Magazine," of New York, spoke of organization and city publicity work and H. R. Knapp, of Pottsville, spoke on district merchants' conventions.

Among those in attendance are the following: George L. Dobie, Bradford; Sherrard Ewing, Reading; R. W. Ferrel, Wilkes-Barre; B. E. Greenland, Bellwood; E. K. Hirschman, Harrisburg; A. M. Howes, Erie; H. R. Knapp, Pottsville; H. L. Koch, Allentown; Charles M. Ketcham, Washington; Moses Kingsley, New York; E. L. McCoglin, Harrisburg; W. S. Milliner, Williamsport; George H. Musser, Altoona; Charles Newbold, Lancaster; K. G. Potter, Waynesboro; Wilfred H. Schoff, Philadelphia; L. L. Smith, Newtontown; W. C. Truxall, Somerset; R. C. Weller, Erie; Samuel Wilson, Johnstown; Alfred A. Wood, Butler; Leilus E. Wilson, New York; Richard B. Watrous, Washington, D. C.; Eugene P. Weiser, York.

AUSTRO-GERMAN SPRING CAMPAIGN PLANS LOSING GROUND, SAY THE ALLIES

London, March 5, 12.35 P. M.—Even if no decisive battle develops from the present Russian offensive on the eastern front, the allies to-day are advancing the claim that the Austro-German plans for their spring campaign in the east have been measurably interfered with.

A few weeks ago Field Marshal Van Hindenburg was sweeping victoriously through Northern Poland, while in the south the Austrians were pressing forward both in Galicia and in the crown land of Bukovina. To-day these roles appear to be reversed. Russian troops were attacking along the German line from the Niemen to the Vistula, and although the Germans are clinging tenaciously to their positions before Ossowetz and at other points north of the Vistula, their thrust toward Warsaw has been brought to a standstill and they are being slowly forced back to their own frontier.

Great Bravery of Austrians Other news dispatches reaching London set forth that in the south the Austrians and the Hungarians continue to fling themselves with great bravery and even greater loss against the Russian lines. These onslaughts have not yet abated; the Russian general staff declares they have brought no gains. The German contingent in the Carpathians has been reduced to three army corps, according to report in London, which leaves the Austro-Hungarians to bear the brunt of the fighting.

In the meantime the allied fleets are slowly battering their way up the Dardanelles without so far as is known a single serious loss among the ships. The Sultan of Turkey, according to a report from Athens, already has fled from Constantinople. This, however, has not been confirmed, and reports from Turkish sources, notably an interview with Enve Pasha, depreciate the seriousness of the bombardment of the Dardanelles and insist that the real defenses of the straits have not been affected.

Situation Favors the Allies It can be said, that from the British point of view the situation to-day, wherever fighting is going on, is taken as favorable to the allies. The South African rebellion has been crushed; the Turkish invasion of Egypt seemingly has been abandoned; the reports from the eastern battle front are favorable, no news regarding the operations against the Dardanelles yet has been received and the blockade on foodstuffs into Germany is about to be enforced. In the western arena of the war the Germans, judging from dispatches reaching here, are fighting hard to recover the ground lost during the last fortnight. Near Arras they have forged ahead somewhat, but the allies report progress both in the Champagne and the Argonne districts.

SURVIVORS OF PROGRESO REACH VERA CRUZ TO-DAY

Now Believed That Thirty Men Lost Their Lives When Mexican Gunboat Was Blown Up Off a Port in Yucatan

Vera Cruz, Mex., March 5.—Tuesday, March 2, by way of New Orleans, March 5.—The Ward Line steamer Morro Castle came into Vera Cruz to-day having on board the survivors of the Mexican gunboat Progreso which was blown up February 28 off the port of Progreso, Yucatan. The survivors number between 120 and 130 and it is believed that about 30 men lost their lives.

The Ward Line tug Auxiliär arrived at Progreso the day before the Morro Castle came into port and she immediately was seized by the gunboat. A Mexican crew was placed on board her. The explosion on the Progreso took place on Sunday. It seems that the explosive was brought on board concealed in a barrel of rice. The Auxiliär was made use of to bring the wounded from the Progreso to the beach, after which she was abandoned. There evidently was an uprising in the port of Progreso, for the Auxiliär was seized by a body of Yucatanians. As the Morro Castle drew into Progreso harbor the Auxiliär, freighted with wounded from the Progreso, went out and the transfer of the wounded men was made.

The Morro Castle then started on her voyage to Vera Cruz. No sooner had she left the port than the Auxiliär signalled her to stop. This the Morro Castle declined to do. She had on board 3,000,000 rounds of ammunition for the government of General Carranza. The Auxiliär started to pursue her but the superior speed of the Morro Castle soon put her out of reach. Nothing is known as to what became of the crew of the Auxiliär.

WHITE SLAVE ACT MAY TANGLE MAYO

Continued From First Page. was the man Dudley I had known in Brooklyn," Cook explained. "The instant Laura and I saw him we recognized him as Dudley, the Brooklyn man at whose home Lillian had worked." That he feared his daughter had ended her life was explained by Cook who said her letters home had been melancholy. She was worrying about a business school examination, he said, at least that was the reason she gave in her letters. "The finding of Lillian's body has relieved us of a tremendous strain," Mr. Cook said. My wife learned that our little daughter is dead and is completely prostrated. I must suspend judgment until the finding of the autopsy."

Mr. Cook returned to New Haven last night to claim the body of his daughter. Corcher Declares Woman a Suicide New Haven, Conn., March 5.—The autopsy upon the body of Lillian May Cook, the 18-year-old Brooklyn stenographer, whose dead body was found in West Rock Park here yesterday, was to be performed to-day. The coroner has declared that Miss Cook, for whom the police of three States had searched for a week, committed suicide. The autopsy was ordered for the purpose of determining her physical condition at the time she went to the lonely mountainous park and sent a bullet into her heart.

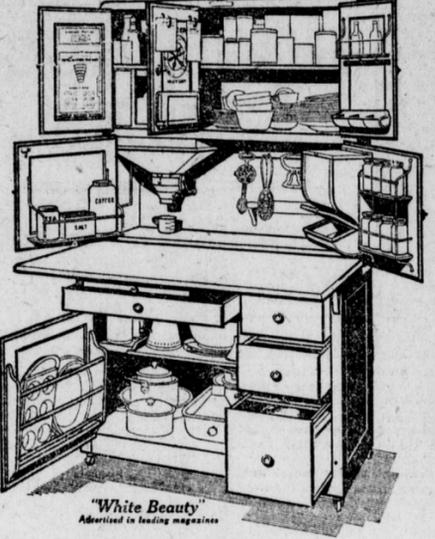
Miss Cook's employer, Virginius J. Mayo, who as head of the Mayo Radiator Company, resided here with his wife, supported in a house in Brooklyn a woman who formerly occupied the position held by Miss Cook at the time of her death, announced to-day that he was "through with the case." He said that in offering a reward for information concerning the whereabouts of Miss Cook he had been prompted by a desire to aid her family. Coroner Mix said to-day that as the result of a report made to him by his physicians he believed there were "sufficient indications to warrant prolonging the examination beyond the mere tracing of the course of the bullet and establishing the cause of death."

The coroner said that he expected to receive a complete report from the physicians who performed an autopsy upon the body of the young woman later in the day. LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY Continued From First Page. goes and will return to the United States in ballast. Although the assault of the allied fleet on the Dardanelles is continuing there is such confusion of reports that it is impossible to gain a clear idea of what has been accomplished. The Turkish authorities admit that some damage has been done to the outer forts but state that the defenses on which main reliance is placed are still intact. From British sources it is reported that the allied fleet has penetrated well into the straits and that the inner fortifications have been damaged badly.

On land important battles are in progress in the Champagne region of France, in Northern Poland and in Galicia. No significant changes in these encounters, however, are announced. While the Anglo-French fleet is striking at the Dardanelles, the Russian Black Sea fleet will attack the approaches to Constantinople from the east according to unofficial advices from Bucharest. The Russian fleet is said to be off the Bulgarian coast steaming toward the Bosphorus. The official German report of to-day says that the French left more than 1,000 dead before the German entanglement as a result of one of several attacks made yesterday along the western front. In the eastern campaign Russian offensive continues without definite result. REPORT ON SEIZURE OF DACIA IS SENT TO PRIZE TRIBUNAL Brest, Via Paris, March 5, I. A. M.—A formal report on the seizure of the United States steamer Dacia, dragged up by Chief Naval Commissioner Lemoine, has been forwarded to the prize tribunal at Paris. The ship remains here under the temporary command of Ensign DuPontavice. The crew was to have left last night for Havre, but its departure was postponed because instructions had not been received from the United States embassy.

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PUPIL GAINS 30 POUNDS

Report of Splendid Work in Locust: Open Air School Seat to Board of Directors

Remarkable work in building up the little boys and girls attending school in the Locust building is shown in the report of that school which will be sent to the Harrisburg School Board this evening by Miss Mary M. Snyder, the teacher. The report goes into detail the gain in weight by each pupil, showing the average gain for girls in the period from September to February to be five and one-half pounds and for boys five and one-third pounds. One girl in the school has gained thirty pounds in three years and another has gained ten in half a year. The result of the work of the school, according to School Board officials, justifies it.

Miss Snyder has been very successful at the school and reports excellent mental as well as physical gains in the pupils. A play room has been opened in the building and the pupils are taught calisthenics to the tune of a Victrola which was added to the equipment of the school at Christmas time. The days have been divided into play periods and study periods and two meals are served to the pupils each day. The menus are repeated only every four weeks so that the children do not grow tired of the same thing day after day. The average cost of food per day per pupil—two meals a day—is five and one-half cents. The lowest temperature in the room during the winter was thirty degrees, the average temperature being forty-one degrees. There are thirty-five pupils in the room.

CITY PAYING FOR DIRT TO COMPANY GIVING IT FREE

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McCormick's referred a reporter, when questioned this morning not only said that the McCormicks are getting about 40,000 cubic yards of clean earth fill for the Paxton-Dock street plot free of cost, but also that the contractors are hauling it and have agreed to grade the fill "just as we wanted it," without a cent of expense to the estate. "We were given to understand that the contractors had no place to throw the dirt," said Mr. Martin, "and when they came to us and asked for permission to dump it on our ground, down there at Dock street, we, of course, consented, with the understanding that they grade it as we would have it."

"No, we will not pay anything for it," he continued. "It is a short haul from the place where the contractors are grading and they were glad to put it there free of cost."

"Originally we were given to understand that there would be something like 50,000 cubic yards available, but you know the City obtained some of the earth for Front street and it will not amount to quite that much now. The ground originally was low and we naturally would not refuse to accept the dirt as a present."

CALLS UPON BONDSMEN TO DO THE WORK

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contract plainly says that he shall keep the streets in repair until April 1, 1915, so that there is nothing to arbitrate. In view of that fact there is nothing left for me to do but call upon my bonding company to make good that part of the contract that has not been carried out. Meantime the last installment of \$3,750 of the contract price is being withheld from Walter.

Walter this afternoon reiterated his statement of yesterday which was in effect that he has not been officially informed to go on with the work, but he said he had made arrangements to get a copy of the notice late this afternoon. "But, as I said before," added the contractor, "I do not hold that point out as a reason for not going to work. My legal advisers inform me that my contract with the City automatically ceased with the closing of the work last fall and that I am no longer responsible for the City street repair work. They also tell me that my bondsmen also are automatically released from obligation."

There is a possibility that I will appear before the Commissioners at their meeting next Tuesday and take this matter up with them at that time. I do not think it wise for me to say now that I will or will not go on with the street repair work, because I have not decided about that. "It strikes me that Lynch acted hastily when he hurriedly notified my bonding company, and I do not like that a bit. My credit with the City is not good and I do not care to have any reflection cast upon it. I am not going to say point blank that I will not do this work, but if I do it, I assure you it will be under protest."

Walter went on to say that the last quarterly installment on his \$15,000 annual contract—\$3,750—will be due him on April 1, and that he will take the proper steps at that time to collect it. Under the Lynch notice to Walter, "to go ahead with the street repair work," which Lynch says was sent out on February 20 and should have been received by the contractor not later than February 22, the street repair work already should have been started, in the view of the Highway Commissioner.

The contractor argued that for years it had been customary not to start the repair work before the month of May. There is little likelihood of the street repair work being started before next Tuesday, at least, even if Walter yields in his attitude. In his letter to the bonding company, Lynch said, that concern was informed of Walter's refusal to go to work and was called upon to "finish" the contract. Cleaning and Dyeing Works The Twentieth Century Cleaning and Dyeing Works, recently opened at 225 Market street, second floor, is well equipped to give satisfactory service. Suits are pressed while you wait, and special attention is given to cleaning, dyeing and pressing and repairing ladies and gentlemen's clothing. The new establishment is under the able management of Sam Addestein, who was formerly connected with the Chemical Cleaning and Dyeing Works. He was also manager for the American Watch and Diamond Co. and has been connected with other well-known business firms in this city. He is well known and has a host of friends, who predict that his new enterprise will be a success.

J. Harry Stroup Insurance Agent 1617 North Second St.

HOOSIER NATIONAL STEP-SAVER

PLEADS ALIBI FOR SEIDERS

Policeman Testifies Youth Accused in Lebanon Murder Was Talking With Him When Shot Was Fired

Lebanon, Pa., March 5.—An alibi was advanced yesterday by Raymond Seiders, the young local chauffeur who is on trial on a charge of having shot and killed John E. Mills, of this city, in an attempted holdup here on December 21, last. The defense is that Seiders could not have shot Mills, inasmuch as he was conversing with a policeman at City Hall at the exact moment the fatal shot was fired. A desire for notoriety is given as the explanation for Seiders' claim of having helped lift Mills into the ambulance after the shooting, the Commonwealth having shown that this statement was false. The Commonwealth closed its case yesterday afternoon after five witnesses, including Mills' widow and son, had testified to his dying declaration that Seiders, whom he identified positively, had fired the shot which subsequently caused death. Notice was given by the defense that it would attack Mills' declaration, and would contend that he was influenced by suggestion while under the influence of powerful hypodermics administered to relieve his agony.

Policeman Charles Moudy testified that he was talking with Seiders at 10:02 o'clock on the evening of the shooting, outside of City Hall, which is fully half a mile from the scene of the holdup, which the defense claims occurred at that time. The question of time is an important factor, the Commonwealth fixing it at 10:03 o'clock. Seiders in his own behalf flatly denied having participated in the holdup; or shooting Mills and admitted he had sought notoriety in claiming to have been near the scene of the shooting and helping place Mills in the ambulance. FORMER TEACHER RETURNS Mrs. Bertha Herring Henry Compelled to Speak at Central High Mrs. Bertha Herring Henry, wife of a prominent physician in Everett, Pa., who was formerly teacher of elocution at the Central High school, tried to visit the school again this morning and conceal the fact by sitting in the rear of the assembly hall. But one lusty lugged Senior saw her and after devotional exercises started a cheer and in the end Mrs. Henry was compelled to talk to the students. She spoke for a few minutes, telling a few stories. Mrs. Henry left school three years ago and none but the present Senior class was in school when she was a member of the faculty. Miss Helen Sloat rendered two solos and most of the first period was taken up in chapel exercises but relief from work for that length of time did not make the pupils sad. Mrs. Henry stopped off in Harrisburg between trains on her way to Philadelphia.

PARENT-TEACHERS MEET

Program of Music and Recitations Rendered in Maclay Building

At a meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association of the Maclay street school, Fourth and Peffer streets, last night the following program was rendered: Piano solo, Miss Catherine Lehman; vocal solo, "A Lullaby," Miss Hoover; piano solo, Miss Culp; address, "The Home," the Rev. Harvey Klaer, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian church; vocal duet, Misses Kathleen and Charlotte Clouser; recitation, "A Japanese Christmas Story," Miss Seglebaum; piano solo, Miss Alithen Fries; address, "Value of School Work," Professor G. H. Goetz; recitation, "The Peach Pie," Miss Ruth Himes; address, "Reward of Application," Professor J. J. Brehm. Following the rendition of the program refreshments were served to the seventy parents who attended.

U. E. ELDERS ELECTED

Conference May Change Boundaries of Church Districts

Carlisle, March 5.—Changes in presiding elderships were made late yesterday afternoon at the Evangelical Conference here. The new elders are: York district, J. F. Dunlap, Myers town; Centre, C. L. Sones, York; Carlisle, J. A. Hollenbaugh, Carlisle; Lewisburg, M. S. Bosserman, York. Routine business was this morning disposed of and plans were this afternoon presented for the changing of boundaries of various church districts. Juvenile Goes to Glens Mills Roy Miskimin, a juvenile, who was brought back to Harrisburg from Reading by Policeman Petrow, was taken to Glens Mills this morning by Chief of Police Hutchison. The boy was charged with being an incorrigible and refusing to go back to his family, he was sent to Glens Mills by Associate Law Judge McCarroll. He was kept at police headquarters since Monday, there being no place to commit juveniles.

STUDENTS HERE ON VISIT

Senior Class of Milton High School Take Annual Trip

Sixty members of the Senior class of the Milton High school arrived in Harrisburg at 11 o'clock this morning on their annual trip to this city. During the afternoon the party enjoyed themselves by going through the Capitol building, while in the evening they will visit different parts of the city. A dinner was served at 5 o'clock at the Columbus hotel, with C. Esboch acting as toastmaster. Speeches were made by Samuel Sasso and Miss Cilora Smith. The party will return to Milton at 11.25 o'clock to-night. Advice Course for U. S. Shipmasters Washington, March 5.—American shipmasters sailing for Bremen, Germany, are advised to take the northerly course in information to the State Department from Ambassador Gerard at Berlin, although he says that the German Admiralty declines to take responsibility regarding courses steered outside of German waters.

HOW ALLIES ARE OPERATING AGAINST DARDANELLES TURKEY. Map showing military operations in the Dardanelles region, including locations like Gallipoli, Constantinople, and the Sea of Marmora. Text describes the actions of Austro-German submarines, French battleships, and British warships.