

## FALLS FROM 6TH FLOOR ON FIRST DAY OF NEW JOB

George Swartz, of This City, Hurt in Accident With 3 Others In Pittsburgh To-day

## OUT OF WORK THREE MONTHS

Structural Iron Worker, Formerly for Years Employed by Pennsylvania Steel Company, Has Mishap Immediately After Re-Donning Overalls

(Special to the Star-Independent.) Pittsburgh, March 16.—Two men were seriously injured and two others narrowly escaped the same fate early to-day in an accident at the new William Penn hotel, Sixth and Oliver avenues. The injured are: George Swartz, structural iron worker, 55 years old, 1514 Berryhill street, Harrisburg, badly crushed from striking beams as he fell from sixth floor level. Fred Pfeiffer, 36, of Chicago, crushed in a similar fall. Four men of a riveting crew, all experienced structural iron workers, were on a swinging scaffold on the sixth floor level of the new steel skyscraper hotel. A load of lumber was being elevated to the seventh floor level by one of the cranes when it struck against the swinging scaffolding on which the men stood, upsetting it and hurling the men off. Two of the men managed to save themselves by seizing a beam, which they caught as they fell. Swartz and Pfeiffer, however, fell to a floor level several stories below, which was boarded over. They were removed to the Homeopathic hospital where it was stated their condition is serious. They, however, have a chance to recover. According to the custom of structural iron workers in the case of workmen falling, they all stopped work for the day. Seventy-two riveters walked off the premises after the accident. They will return to-morrow.

News of the accident in which George Swartz was hurt in Pittsburgh, was first conveyed to his family at 1514 Berryhill street, this morning by a reporter for the Star-Independent. It was stated there that Swartz, who is a structural iron worker and for years was employed by the Pennsylvania Steel Company, had been out of work since December 15, last, and had gone to Pittsburgh in quest of employment. In the early mail this morning his wife received a letter from him, written in Pittsburgh yesterday, in which he stated that he still was hunting work. Evidently Swartz got the work on the hotel job late yesterday and had gone to work only this morning, soon after which the accident occurred.

At the Berryhill street address lives Swartz' wife, his son, Charles Swartz, and the latter's wife. An hour after the family had been told by a reporter about the accident, a telegram was received by Mrs. Swartz advising her that there was no need for immediate alarm regarding her husband's condition.

## GOING TO HEAR STOUGH

Large Crowds of Harrisburgers Will Be at Lancaster To-night

Members of the chorus which led the singing at the Stough tabernacle under the direction of Professor Spooner during the evangelistic campaign in this city, together with hundreds of their friends, will leave for Lancaster at 6 o'clock this evening to visit the Stough tabernacle in that city, where they will again sing under Professor Spooner's leadership and hear Dr. Stough preach. Members of the Lancaster chorus will meet the visitors at the station and conduct them to the tabernacle, on the outskirts of Lancaster. The delegates will be in trim for vocal exercises after singing numerous hymns during the trip. They will occupy the seats in the choir loft and show the audience how the Harrisburg campaign was conducted. Persons who are going on the excursion—expected to number close to two thousand—will gather at the Pennsylvania station at 5.30 o'clock.

## U. S. BATTLESHIP DISABLED

Connecticut Breaks Shaft While Manoeuvring in Guantanamo Bay

Washington, March 16.—The battleship Connecticut broke one of her shafts last Sunday while manoeuvring in Guantanamo bay and now is bound for Philadelphia under her own power, conveyed by the naval collier Orion. The hull of the Connecticut is uninjured and no one was hurt. Admiral Fletcher reported that the starboard shaft broke in the stern tube, slightly damaging the ship's rudder. The accident is similar to that sustained by the Vermont while crossing the Atlantic in 1913. On that occasion the Vermont successfully made port under her own steam with one propeller.

## Wilson Proposes Strike Arbitration

Washington, March 16.—President Wilson to-day began preparing a proposal of arbitration to settle the Eastern Ohio coal strike. He will communicate it to the operators and miners' leaders in letters, probably to-morrow.

## THE WEATHERMAN AIDS AUTO SHOWS

Fine Touring Weather Takes Crowds to Two Exhibits Now Running in Harrisburg

## FINE MACHINES INTEREST WOMEN

Mix Fox Trot With Gasoline at the Kelker Street Hall and Vaudeville With Accessories at the Arena—Money's Worth? Well!

The weather man is conspiring to make the automobile shows now in progress in Harrisburg events long to be remembered in the history of the industry. More dealers than ever have entered the spirit of the display this year and, with the weather man producing the finest touring weather possible, there are going to be splendid results and plans for bigger and better displays next year, if present indications mean anything. Crowd are continuing to inspect the displays at the first annual show of the Capital City Motor Dealers' Association at Kelker street hall and the sixth annual show of the Harrisburg Automobile Dealers' Association at Arena, Third and Delaware streets. Managers are more than pleased with the success of the projects and predict a busy season from start to finish. Mixing entertainment with the serious business of the show has taken hundreds of non-auto owners to the shows and with the impetus given to the business by the fine weather, everybody is satisfied. The absence of any freak automobiles is marked at both exhibits. One can select almost any well known make and be sure he is getting a modern steam-line body, perfected mechanical equipment in line with the most recent gas engine discoveries and at prices at quite a range. Splendor is everywhere and body refinements seem to the uninitiated as the greatest development of the year.

At Kelker Street Hall. Mixing the one-step with automobiles at Kelker street hall has proved one of the best features of the show and Manager B. R. Johnson, is more than pleased with the number of ladies who indulge in a little dancing after looking over the kind of machines she would be proud to have take her to the winter assembly. Appealing to the women folks is his plan of procedure and he is doing it. Mr. Johnson characterizes this as the best show he has ever had anything to do with in Harrisburg. It is his climax on perfection. His decorations are in keeping with the general splendor of the exhibit and his appeal to the women folks has not gone unanswered. The sixty exhibits have all

## FEW 'HARDSCRABLE' FOLK HAVE LAWYERS AT HEARING

Residents Will Not Be Required to Give Up Their Homes Until Damages and Benefits Are Ascertained and All Claims Satisfied

Only a few of the "Hardscrable" residents whose homes are to be razed through the opening of North Front street, from Herr to Calder, have retained lawyers to protect their interests in the proceedings begun yesterday to determine the damages they will be entitled to receive from the city. When Paul G. Smith, Karl Steward and James D. Saltsman, attorneys, held their second meeting this morning, E. E. Beidleman appeared as counsel to "Mayor" Harry J. Berrier and a few others, while W. L. Loeser appeared for John Yingst, City Solicitor or Seitz appeared for Harrisburg.

By agreement of the attorneys and the viewers, Friday, March 16, at 10 a. m., was fixed as the time for the next hearing. At that time testimony will be taken with respect to the values of the properties on both sides of Front street in the "Hardscrable" section. The property owners themselves, as well as real estate agents, will be called to tell the viewers what are the present market values of the properties on the west side of the street and to show how the east side property values will be increased or diminished by the improvement.

From that evidence the viewers will make up their schedule of damages and benefits, determine what is to be paid to those who will lose their homes and what the residents on the east side of the street should pay. When that schedule is compiled the property owners will be given ten days' notice to exhibit it. Immediately thereafter the schedule will be filed with the Prothonotary of the Dauphin county courts, who will confirm it temporarily. The report then will lie dormant thirty days before it can be confirmed absolutely. Should the property owners take exceptions to the viewers' findings the matter will go into the courts and whatever legal points may be raised by those taking exceptions—the court will not consider questions of fact—will be argued by the attorneys. The exceptions will act as a bar to the final confirmation of the viewers' report. However if no exceptions are filed but appeals be taken, the report

## WORLD'S BIGGEST WARSHIP FLOATED

Launching of Pennsylvania Adds Monster Fighting Machine to U. S. Navy

## SUCCESS MARKS THE CEREMONY

Largest Engine of Naval Warfare Slides Down Ways While Prayer Is Offered That She May Be a Messenger of Peace

Newport News, Va., March 16.—The new dreadnought Pennsylvania was successfully launched here this morning shortly after 10 o'clock. The largest engine of naval warfare in the world slid down the ways while a prayer was uttered that she might be a messenger of peace rather than a weapon of destruction. Christened by Miss Elizabeth Kolb, of Germantown, Pa., as Secretary Daniels gave a signal the monster hull slid into the James river, and the swell tossed the German converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich less than a hundred yards away. Commander Thierichens, commander of the sea raider, sat in full uniform with the official party on the platform and mingled with American naval officers throughout the ceremony. Woman Implores German Commander. A gray-haired woman approached the German commander as he stood under the towering bow of the Pennsylvania and grasped his hand. She was Mrs. M. F. Thomas, of Beacon, N. Y., a member of the Society of Friends.

"Commander," she said, "I belong to a society which believes that all persons should love others as much as themselves. Do you in Germany love us as much as you love yourselves?" The captain smiled but did not answer as Mrs. Thomas continued. "Don't you believe that we will soon have peace? Isn't it time you men stopped killing each other?" "Madame," replied the German commander, "we all believe in peace."

## STATE'S 60 GUESTS PAY OWN WAY TO LAUNCHING

Explained To-day How Governor Made It Possible for Party of 60 to Go to Newport News Without Costing Commonwealth More Than \$1,700

It was learned this morning that, outside of the members of the Legislative committee and the State officials, those who went on the trip to see the launching of the big battleship Pennsylvania at Newport News to-day are members of the Pennsylvania party paid their own expenses. In sending out his invitations to distinguished guests Governor Brumbaugh, who has right along assumed an attitude of opposition to any plan of making the trip a costly junket at the State's expense, conveyed the hint that an acceptance implied an agreement by the guest to pay his own expenses, and the sixty acceptances meant that the sixty each paid their \$50, the estimated cost of the trip. This meant a saving on the part of the State of about \$3,000, and, as there was a tentative agreement between the Governor and the clerks of the Senate and House, out of whose contingent funds the legislative party's expenses will be paid, that the cost should not be more than \$1,700, it will be seen that the sum fixed will about pay the expenses of the thirty State officials and committeemen at \$50 per head and leave a few hundred over to cover any extras.

Meals and cigars were provided on the special train, but it was understood that the trip on the cars would be a "dry one," and only soft drinks served.

## SONS SEE PAIR HANGING

Find Bodies of Father and Mother Who Committed Suicide With Rope in the Barn

Reading, Pa., March 16.—A well-known farmer and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Seyfert, each 45 years of age, residing near Joanna, this county, committed suicide early this morning by hanging themselves in their barn. Two sons, Jacob, aged 12, and Howard, aged 10 years, made the find upon going to the barn to feed the stock. As a result of the tragedy these children have been orphaned. The boys arose about 5 o'clock and went to the barn to perform their chores. Upon entering the barn they found their parents hanging side by side. Husband and wife retired last night in the best of spirits, bidding the children a pleasant good night. There is absolutely no known motive for the double suicide.

## TENTH WARDERS INSIST ON MORE FIRE PROTECTION

One Thousand of the 1,421 Voters Sign Protest Filed With Commission To-day

## HAVE ONLY ONE ANCIENT MACHINE

Assurance Given That Camp Curtin Company Will Get the Present Hope Chemical Engine When the Latter Company Gets Two New Autos

Asserting they repeatedly have complained of a lack of sufficient fire protection in their section of the city and that the fire apparatus now in use there is not in proper condition and inadequate, one thousand of the 1,421 qualified electors of the Tenth ward this afternoon sent a petition to the City Commissioners asking that the Camp Curtin Fire Company be given modern and up-to-date equipment. The petition was ordered marked "received and filed," but it is understood that provision is to be made for providing the Camp Curtin company with better apparatus—this to come through the distribution of the new auto apparatus for which the Commissioners soon will award a contract. Three tractors—two for steam fire engines and one for a hook and ladder truck—and two combination motor-driven chemical wagons, are to be purchased with the balance in the \$25,000 loan authorized for new fire equipment. Fire Commissioner Taylor had planned to make recommendations for awarding the contracts for this apparatus at to-day's meeting. He, however, postponed the matter for one week at the request of a representative of the Morton Truck and Tractor Company, of this city, the low bidder. The Morton firm, it is said, is to supply the combination wagons, and before the City Commissioners select the firm to furnish the three tractors the local firm wants the Commissioners to inspect a piece of apparatus assembled for a Lebanon fire company.

Ward Has Only One Hose Wagon. The Lebanon fire company's steamer is being mounted on the chassis of a Morton truck which is intended to supplement the use of a two-wheel tractor. The Morton firm also has a hook and ladder truck which will be equipped with tractor. The auto combination wagons are to go to the Washington and Hope companies and the third tractor is to be placed on the Mt. Vernon hook and ladder truck. Through this plan the Hope company no longer will have use for its combination chemical wagon, which is a modern piece of apparatus and is drawn by two horses. A City Commissioner said today the Camp Curtin Company is to get that wagon. The Camp Curtin Company, this same Commissioner admitted, at present has an antique hose and chemical wagon which is drawn by one horse. That is the only piece of fire apparatus in the Tenth ward, despite the fact it is one of the largest wards of the city and is rapidly growing.

Under a resolution adopted by the Commissioners the Dauphin County Jail is to be repaired.

## HALF MILLION IN JEWELS IN A BATTERED SUITCASE

Gems and Robes Tumble Out on Dock as New York Customs Officials Examine Baggage of Priest Who Flew From Mexico City

New York, March 16.—A king's ransom in jewels, blazoned in the royal eagles of Spain at the time of Charles V, the most powerful monarch of the sixteenth century, lies under guard at the Customs House here awaiting appraisal. The gems set in gold on white and purple robes and mounted on two golden crowns were brought into New York by a Catholic priest, clad in shabby clothes, who fled from Mexico City a month ago, and sailed aboard the steamer Montevideo. The Montevideo reached New York March 6 with this priest and six other fugitive priests who had been banished from Mexico by General Obregon, Carranza's lieutenant at Mexico City. At the depths of the battered suitcase, the gems and robes were tumbled out upon the dock for inspection by the customs authorities. They so dazzled the inspectors that they were hastily put back into the suitcase. Under guard they were taken to a safe deposit vault where they were locked up and special watchmen detailed to guard them. Rough estimates placed their value at from \$300,000 to \$500,000. This rich prize, it is said, lay in the cathedral of Mexico City, presumably Carranza's fingers in the flight from Mexico of the priest who brought it to America.

Under the law providing for the admission of antiquities free of duty, it is possible, it was said at the Customs House, that the robes and gems would be admitted without charge.

## SOCIETY BELLE TO WED HARRIMAN



While no date has been set for the marriage of Miss Louise R. Bisbee to Mr. Oliver Carley Harriman, the announcement of which interested society, it is expected that the wedding may take place in the Easter season. Miss Bisbee is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Bisbee, of New York, and is one of the large coterie of young women of society who entered registered dogs in recent kennel exhibits. She is here pictured with one of her favorite Great Danes, Mr. Harriman is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Harriman.

## GOSSIP SAYS TREASURER YOUNG WASN'T INVITED

Persons Who Recall Remarks He Made About Dr. Brumbaugh in Campaign Speech Hint at Strained Relations Between the Two

There was gossip on Capitol Hill to-day as to why State Treasurer Young did not accompany Governor Brumbaugh's personally conducted party to the launching of the battleship Pennsylvania at Newport News to-day, and there were hints dropped that Mr. Young was not remembered when invitations from the Governor to participate in the excursion were handed around. Some of those who followed last night's campaign for Governor recalled that in a speech at a Democratic-Washington party meeting in Chestnut street hall, in this city, Mr. Young, in comparing the merits of the two candidates for Governor, made remarks about Dr. Brumbaugh that were not very complimentary to the latter.

This speech of Mr. Young's was placed in possession of Dr. Brumbaugh, and it is said that the official relations of the Governor and State Treasurer have been, to say the least, "strained," and that because of this the State Treasurer does not form one of the launching party at Newport News to-day. Mr. Young is at his home in Wellsboro, but is expected here this evening. Auditor General Powell, who, like Mr. Young, is a Bull Moose, formed one of the Governor's launching party that left here last night.

## LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The impression was gained in Washington to-day that the United States probably would protest to Great Britain and her allies against their plan to stop trade with Germany, as outlined in the British order in council yesterday. The administration has had no time to consider the official text of the order but President Wilson indicated informally that the measures contemplated are displeasing to the United States. The claim is made by the French war office that the Germans have suffered reverses in two sections of the western front. The British army is said to have captured St. Elloi and to have carried new German positions near the village. In Champagne progress for the French at two points is reported. The German official statement announces the winning of St. Elloi but

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## AIMED AT NON-PARTISAN PLAN

Crow's Bill Introduced To-day Changes Whole Elections System Here. A bill to wipe out the non-partisan elections for third class cities in Pennsylvania was introduced in the Senate this afternoon by Senator Crow, of Fayette county. If this becomes a law it will change the entire municipal elections plan in Harrisburg, and partisan primaries for Mayor and Commissioners will be held this year. This was one of a number of election bills introduced by Senator Crow. Another wipes out the non-partisan judicial elections.

## NEUTRALITY OF ITALY IS IN JEOPARDY

Recent Events Now Presage That Country's Participation in European Conflict

## ITALIAN FLEET CONCENTRATING

Rome Dispatch Says Large Part of Navy Is Being Mobilized in Southern Part of Country, at Point Near-east Dardanelles

Geneva, Via Paris, March 16, 4.50 A. M.—A dispatch to the "Tribune" from its Rome correspondent says a large part of the Italian navy is being concentrated at Taranto, at the southeastern extremity of the country and the point nearest the Dardanelles. The same paper prints dispatches from Vienna which state that Emperor Francis Joseph on Saturday received Archduke Frederick, who insisted on behalf of the general staff in the Carpathians that Archduke Eugene should be ordered to abandon the campaign against Serbia and also withdraw useless forces on the Rumanian frontier in order to reinforce exhausted troops in the mountains. The Archduke is reported to have cited as an example the conditions of the Carpathian troops from the Dukla and Lupkow districts, numbering 20,000, who have been fighting incessantly for six weeks, sleeping with their rifles in their hands. Consultation Before Deciding. The interview of the Emperor with the Archduke is reported to have taken place in the presence of Minister of War Krobatin and General Hotzen-dorf. The monarch, it is said, decided to summon Archduke Eugene for a consultation before deciding the questions presented to him.

## Why Greece Didn't Join Allies

Rome, Via Paris, March 16, 12.45 A. M.—The "Giornale D'Italia" publishes an interview with Christakis Zographos, the Greek Foreign Minister, in which he is quoted as declaring that his country did not join the allies because the triple entente powers failed to give Greece sufficiently concrete guarantees regarding compensation. The "Tribune's" Deleagatch correspondent telegraphs that Talat Bey, the Turkish Minister of War, is having great difficulty in persuading the Sultan to transfer the capital from Constantinople to Konieh, in Asia Minor. A special train is said to be held in readiness constantly to transport the government funds and archives to Konieh if Adrianople is evacuated. Turkish troops are reported to be concentrated at Constantinople and along the Dardanelles.

## GERMANS REPORT SUCCESS OVER ENGLISH NEAR YPRES

Berlin, March 16, by Wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—The German War Office to-day gave out a report on the progress of the fighting, which is dated March 16 and reads as follows: "The English position on the height near St. Elloi, south of Ypres, has been taken by the Germans. Fighting for the possession of this location has been going on since the day before yesterday. On the southern slope of St. Lorette hill, to the northwest of Ypres, fighting is going on for the possession of the crest of a hill. "In the Champagne district several partial attacks delivered by Frehed troops broke down in the face of the German fire. The French losses were heavy. To the north of Beaujeu German troops took possession of several French trenches. An engagement begun yesterday in the Argonne continues to-day. Also in the Vosges there are several places where the fighting still is going on. "On the Orzye, to the northeast of Przasnysz, Russian attacks everywhere have been repulsed. There was an especially violent engagement for the possession of Jednorozek. Two thousand Russians were taken prisoners. South of the Vistula there is nothing to report."

## BRITISH ORDER SHUTTING OFF TRADE WITH GERMANY DISPLEASING TO THE U. S.

Washington, March 16.—President Wilson to-day declined to discuss with callers the British order in council shutting off trade with Germany because he had not had opportunity to go over the official text, but he indicated broadly that the unofficial outline of its contents was very displeasing to the United States government. Callers asked the President if there was precedent in law or history for Great Britain's action. The President began to reply, and then, evidently reconsidering, said he would defer any expression until officially advised of the order and until after conferences with State Department officials. Discussion among other officials, however, was taken to indicate that a protest would be made to Great Britain and her allies. The burden of proof, the United States contends, should be on the belligerent, whereas Great Britain has transferred it to the neutral shipper.

## British Destroy Turkish Artillery

Paris, March 16, 4.45 A. M.—Several batteries of Turkish field artillery posted above Kamkale at the entrance to the Dardanelles were discovered and destroyed by British ships after a bombardment Sunday says a special dispatch from Athens.

## Lost Homes Through Invasion

St. Etienne, Via Paris, March 16, 8.10 A. M.—Six hundred civilian whose homes are in the invaded departments of France arrived here to-day by way of Switzerland.

## WALL STREET CLOSING

New York, March 16.—Stocks were further affected by moderate liquidation and standard shares made but slight recovery from their low levels. The closing was heavy. Heavy selling of Reading, based on reports a reduction of the dividend, proved some unsettlement of prices in to-day market.