



BIGELOW IS FOUND DEAD TO RETIRE MEN NAMED ON APRIL 1 ON TAX LIST

His Resignation, Effective On That Date, Is Accepted This Morning by Governor

BOTH LETTERS ARE VERY BRIEF

Rumor on the Hill Is That Robert J. Cunningham, the Allegheny County Controller, Will Be Named As Successor to Highway's Chief

It was announced this morning at the Capitol that Edward M. Bigelow has resigned his position as State Highway Commissioner to take effect April 1, and that Governor Brumbaugh has accepted the resignation.

It is reported that Robert J. Cunningham, at present county controller of Allegheny, will be appointed to Mr. Bigelow's place.

The correspondence between Governor Brumbaugh and Mr. Bigelow, is as follows:

"Pittsburgh, Pa., March 26, 1915.
"Honorable Martin G. Brumbaugh,
"Governor of Pennsylvania.

"Dear Sir—Believing as I do that the work of the Highway Department for the ensuing two years will be principally maintenance work, and



EDWARD M. BIGELOW

State Highway Commissioner Resigned to Take Effect April 1

knowing that the man who has charge of the work should be in touch with the spring work, I tender you my resignation to take effect on the first day of April.

"Very respectfully,
"(Signed), Edward M. Bigelow."

"Harrisburg, Pa., March 30, 1915.
"Hon. Edward M. Bigelow,
"Pittsburgh, Pa.

"My Dear Sir—I beg to acknowledge your letter of March 26, tendering your resignation, and to say that I have, in compliance with your request, accepted the same, to take effect on the first day of April.

"I wish to thank you for your courteous assistance to me in the initial days of my administration upon all matters bearing upon the effective administration of your department, and wish you great success.

"Very sincerely yours,
"(Signed), M. G. Brumbaugh."

The resignation of Mr. Bigelow was not unexpected. It was rumored last week that owing to continued illness he was about to relinquish his post. Late this afternoon it was understood on the Hill that the post had been offered to Cunningham and that he will accept the place.

TO RESUME RIVER WALL JOB

Contractors Next Week Will Put 50 Men at Work on Walk

The Stueker Brothers' Construction Company this morning prepared to resume work on the river wall. The big concrete mixer was moved to Calder street and other machinery is being put in place.

The work for the present will be confined to the construction of the concrete 14-foot walk along the top of the wall. The stretch between Calder and Mayday streets will be begun first. The concrete mixer will be operated on Front street this for the purpose of having the machinery out of the high water zone—a guard against possible damage by floods.

A miniature railroad will be laid along the place of the improvement and little dump cars, carrying the cement, will run upon it. Work on the section of the wall extending from Market street to Her street will be begun in two or three weeks. Fifty men will get employment at the start of the work next week.

County Commissioners Say Politicians, Not the Assessors, Should Be Blamed

THEY PROMISE BIG EXPOSE

Declare That 290 Names Were Put on Second Ward Book on Last Assessment Day by Republican, Democratic and Bull Moose Leaders

Isaac S. Hoffman, president of the Board of County Commissioners, this morning declared it to be his belief that politicians are responsible for the alleged padding of some ward assessors' lists which County Commissioners say has been revealed by an inquiry the Commissioners are now conducting.

The investigation was brought about through a tax collector of a certain ward in the city who sent a request to the Commissioners to be exonerated from the collection of 1,750 claims for poll tax against men in his ward.

The inquiry in that case was ended this afternoon and showed, the Commissioners said, that out of the 1,750 requests for exoneration more than 1,600 concerned names of persons not registered as voters in the ward. Because so many are not registered, the Commissioners expressed the belief that the ward assessor's list, from which the ward tax duplicates were prepared, was padded.

Upon completing their examination into the one ward tax collector's "exoneration list," the Commissioners immediately took up a similar list presented by another ward tax collector. When that is finished the Commissioners will call in the assessor in whose ward so many exonerations are sought. That will be within the next week or ten days, Commissioner Hoffman said.

No Benefit to Assessors
Assessors in the county, outside of the city, are paid on the basis of \$2.50 for each forty voters assessed, that being recognized a day's work.

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M. RICHARDS MUCKLE DIES

More Than Fifty Years in the Newspaper Business and a Veteran of Mexican War

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, March 30.—Colonel M. Richards Muckle, one of Philadelphia's oldest and most widely known citizens, died today in his 90th year. Mr. Muckle was for more than fifty years in the newspaper business, having been business manager of the "Public Ledger" under the ownership of George W. Childs.

He served in the Mexican war as a lieutenant and was treasurer of the relief fund that sent to Germany during the Franco-Prussian war much money for the relief of widows and orphans of soldiers. In 1874 the Emperor of Germany conferred upon Colonel Muckle the Order of the Crown and in 1883 the military Order of the Red Eagle. He was for many years the treasurer of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Pennsylvania.

BISHOP DUBS NEAR DEATH

Physician Believes He Will Not Live More Than Twenty-four Hours

That Bishop Rudolph Dubs, of the United Evangelical Church, cannot live more than twenty-four hours was the opinion expressed this afternoon by one of the attending physicians. The Bishop was in a more critical condition today than he had been at any previous time.

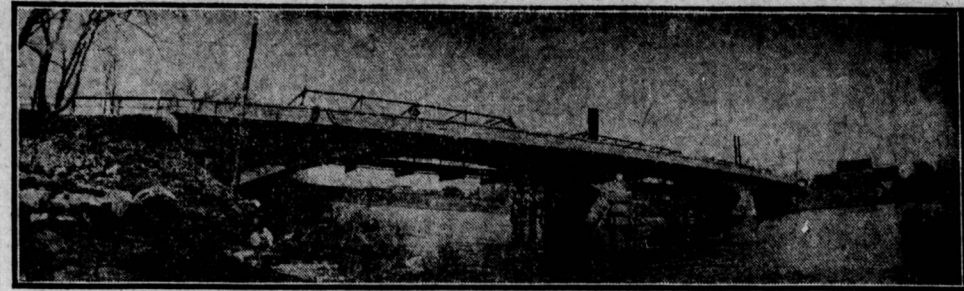
For more than three months Bishop Dubs has been confined to his home, 226 Harris street. Occasionally he has been well enough to sit up in his bed, but has not left his room. His son, Dr. Newton Dubs, has been with him constantly.

Penrose's Secretary Drops Dead
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NOTICE TO MINISTERS

All Easter musical programs to be printed in the Star-Independent Saturday must be in the editorial rooms not later than 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon to insure insertion.

MODERN BRIDGE, REPLACING OLD STRUCTURE AT MIDDLETOWN, IS OPENED TO FOOT TRAFFIC



This picture shows the new \$17,000 concrete viaduct which spans the Swatara creek, between Middletown and Royallton, and which the county threw open to foot travel yesterday. This modern structure replaces a steel truss bridge which had been in service for more than half a century and which last fall was condemned by the County Commissioners. The bridge will be thrown open for wagon travel also within the next fortnight. The wagon roadway cannot be completed until the work incident to the dismantling of the old iron structure is finished.

TAYLOR URGES PURCHASE OF THREE FIRE AUTOS

Recommends Buying Two Chemical Trucks and One Tractor for \$10,800—West Enders Petition for Purchase of \$27,000 Playground

Under a private offer, aside from the competitive bidding, the American LaFrance Fire Engine Manufacturing Company has agreed to furnish the City with two motor-driven combination hose and chemical wagons and one motor tractor for \$10,800. This was announced at a meeting this afternoon of the City Commissioners, and Park Commissioner M. Harvey Taylor introduced an ordinance providing for the acceptance of the offer.

Should the Commissioners next Tuesday approve the ordinance finally, Taylor will then ask the Commissioners to award the contract for two additional motor tractors to the Front Drive Motor Company, a New Jersey concern, at its bid of \$7,200. This award is to be made under the competitive bidding. The Park Commissioner, when Mayor Royal questioned him, said his latest plan is the only way he knows by which the five pieces of apparatus needed by the City can be obtained for

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BAY STEAMER SINKS AT FAIR

300 Passengers, Mostly Women and Children, Are All Rescued

By Associated Press.

San Francisco, March 29.—With 300 passengers on board, mostly women and children, including forty-five orphans, the General Frisbie, a small bay steamer, struck a submerged rock one hundred yards off the Panama-Pacific Exposition grounds last night and began to sink.

Lifelines from United States warships anchored nearby promptly took off all hands and brought them ashore. The party on the General Frisbie were part of a county delegation to the exposition. The orphans were from a home at Vallejo.

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Of the 537 properties located on the proposed extension to Capitol Park, the Capitol Park Extension Commission has purchased 440, leaving 97 yet to be taken over. The completion of the purchase and removal of the properties must be accomplished by June 1, 1917, according to the law creating the commission

THE F-4 IS MOVED 300 FEET

Sunken U. S. Submarine Taken Nearer to Shore This Morning by Vessels With Cables



ENSIGN TIMOTHY A. PARKER, Reported Among Those Believed Dead in Sunken Submarine

Washington, March 30.—Submarine F-4, sunk at the entrance to Honolulu harbor last Thursday morning, had been moved 300 feet toward shore by vessels with cables at 3 o'clock this morning, according to a message received today by Secretary Daniels from the commander of the first submarine division. The message gave no details.

This brief message was the first positive word that the rescue parties have made any progress in bringing the lost submarine to the surface. While it gave hope of salvaging the boat, it revived no hopes that any one may be found alive inside.

Replying to urgent inquiries by Rear Admiral Blue yesterday, Lieutenant Smith, commanding the searching party, reported that the water about her varied in depth from 43 to 60 fathoms.

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GREAT THROG HEARS THE TRAINMEN'S SIDE ARGUED

Hearing on the Full Crew Law Repeal Starts in the Hall of the House of Representatives Late This Afternoon

The hearing before the House and Senate joint railroad committees on the bill to repeal the full crew law drew to the House this afternoon an immense crowd of railroad men, who thronged the floors and occupied the galleries until every inch of room was taken.

Last Tuesday the railroad companies presented their side of the case in favor of repeal, and today was set for hearing the side of the trainmen opposed to repeal.

Former Attorney General John C. Bell, of Philadelphia, and James Scarle, of Danville, appeared as attorneys for the trainmen, and there were also present W. G. Lee, Cleveland, International President of the Railroad Trainmen; G. B. Rowan, S. L. Curry and M. T. Robinson, of the Trainmen's legislative committee; and S. R. Laurer, of the Railway Conductors' legislative committee.

Scattered through the big hall were hundreds of trainmen and other railroad employees.

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CHARLES DISBROW VERY ILL

Regains Consciousness This Morning, but Is in Critical Condition

Charles A. Disbrow, president of the Harrisburg Shoe Manufacturing Company, who has for several days been ill at his home, 1815 North Front street, was unconscious all of last night, but was this morning able to recognize members of his family.

According to his physician, Dr. J. W. Ellenberger, he is in a very critical condition.

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SAVED FROM BLOCKADE IN FIRE; SICK BALTIC SEA MAN MAY DIE BY GERMANS

Patient Suffering From Typhoid Fever Is Carried From Blazing Home In Enola

MOTHER RESCUES LITTLE BABY

Harrisburg Firemen This Morning Respond to Plea for Aid When Flames Across the River Destroy One Jeweling and Damage Another

Flames, which totally destroyed one dwelling and badly scorched another, in Enola, this morning resulted in a loss of \$2,500. The flames were so menacing for a time that the Harrisburg Fire Department was called upon for assistance and Chief Kindler ordered the Friendship auto chemical engine to make the long run to the "cross-river town."

The fire started at 10:30 o'clock in the home of Samuel Wiselle, an assistant track foreman, employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Wiselle, who has been confined to his home with typhoid fever for the last two weeks, was carried to the home of O. W. Burros, a neighbor, and later in the day was brought to the Harrisburg hospital. He is suffering severely from shock, which may prove fatal.

The fire started in an outshed which adjoins the house, which is situated about a quarter of a mile from Highland Park, along the State road, in the extreme northwest part of Enola.

Flames were first seen coming from the building by Thomas Gill, a neighbor. He sent an alarm to the Enola Fire Company. By the time the firemen arrived the flames had gained much headway.

Fire Chief A. L. Winn, of the Enola department, called up Chief Kindler, of this city, with a plea for aid, and Kindler ordered out the Friendship auto with a crew of Harrisburg firemen. A score or more fire fighters from the Penny shops in Enola also responded.

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FARMERS WIN IN HOUSE

Succeeds in Having Killed Bill Requiring Front and Rear Lights

The "country" members won a signal victory in the House this morning when the Dadds bill, requiring that all vehicles on country roads be equipped with lights so that the vehicles can be seen from both front and rear, from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise, was defeated.

The farmers objected to the measure, saying it would work a hardship on the farmers who would have to equip their farm machinery with lights. Debate on the bill lasted half an hour.

The first jitney bus bill to come before the House for final action, will be the Whitaker bill allowing traction companies to operate omnibuses in connection with trolley cars, this bill having passed second reading this morning.

GREEK STEAMER ADRIPT

The Nefeli Without Coal About 100 Miles East of Bermuda

New York, March 30.—The Greek steamer Nefeli, from Spezi, Italy, for Delaware, broke water, in ballast, is without coal and adrift east of Bermuda, according to officers of the steamship Marchioness of Bute, which reached here today from Marseilles.

The Marchioness fell in with the Nefeli, needing a tow, March 14. After standing by all night, a line was passed aboard and the Marchioness started for Bermuda with the Nefeli in tow. Three times the line snapped and on the afternoon of the 16th the Marchioness, her own coal dwindling, had to abandon her charge about 100 miles east of Bermuda. The Marchioness put into Bermuda to replenish her stock of fuel. The Nefeli is of 2,476 tons net and is 370 feet long.

Compensation Bill Reported

Chairman Wilson, of the House Committee on Judiciary General, this morning reported out Governor Brumbaugh's workmen's compensation bill. The principal amendment made in committee was that which gives dependents of aliens but two-thirds of that allowed American dependents.

To Report Child Labor Bill To-night

The House Manufacturers' Committee this afternoon decided to report favorably at to-night's session of the House the Brumbaugh child labor bill, providing for nine hours a day and fifty-one hours a week for children between 14 and 16 years old.

Governor to Entertain Lawmakers

Governor Brumbaugh, it was announced today, will hold a reception at the Executive Mansion next Tuesday night for the members of the Legislature, the heads of the State departments and the members of the Legislative Correspondents' Association.

WALL STREET CLOSING

By Associated Press.

New York, March 30.—Speculative were in greater demand during the afternoon, the inquiry extending to United States Rubber and half a score of miscellaneous issues with advances of 2 to 4 points. Leaders continued to show pressure.

Amalgamated Copper sold above 63 in the final hour and some hitherto dormant specialties, including Texas Company, were pushed forward. The closing was irregular. Speculators were again the foremost features of to-day's active market with numerous substantial gains.

The Kaiser's Forces Resume Activity Against the Trade of Finland and Sweden

FINNISH COAST MAY BE ATTACKED

German Submarines Are Reported Not Far From Shore and a German Fleet Is Observed North of the Aland Islands

London, March 30, 3:39 A. M.—German naval activity has been resumed in the Baltic sea and the Gulf of Bothnia, with the intention of carrying out a blockade campaign against the trade of Finland and Sweden, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the "Daily News." The correspondent declares that attacks on the Finnish coast probably are proposed also, as German submarines have been reported not far off shore.

A German fleet has been observed north of the Aland islands. Several Danish and Swedish vessels are reported to have been baited by German submarines, but so far as known only one was fired upon and she escaped unharmed.

Prohibition Faces United Kingdom

London, March 30, 12:05 P. M.—Prohibition, as drastic as that prevailing in Russia, today faces the United Kingdom. Press discussions of the letter sent by David Lloyd George, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to the ship owners' federation compete successfully in point of interest with the news of the sinking of the British liner Falaba by a German submarine with the loss of more than 100 lives. The Chancellor in his letter said:

"We are fighting Germany, Austria and drink, and so far as I can see, the greatest of these three deadly foes is drink," and added that he had a growing conviction that only the severest method would be of avail in dealing with the evil. Employers are backing what Mr. Lloyd George terms "root and branch action," even to the extent of promising to seal their own wine cellars and to prohibit the use of intoxicants at their clubs, while labor leaders are equally anxious for the institution of some prohibitory measure.

2,000 RUSSIANS KILLED; 13,600 TAKEN PRISONERS

Berlin, March 30, Via London, 3:10 P. M.—The War Office gave out the following statement to-day:

"A telegram from main headquarters dated March 30 states that in the western theatre of war there were only artillery combats and sapping operations.

"In the fighting which led to the occupation of Tauraggen (Russia, east of the Prussian border), the East Prussian landsturm, according to a report from Prince Joachim of Prussia, especially distinguished itself—taking 10,000 prisoners.

"Near Krasnopol the Russians suffered severe losses. Some 2,000 were killed. Our booty in this fighting until yesterday evening was 3,000 prisoners, seven machine guns, one cannon and several ammunition cars.

"On the Skwa, near Klimki, a far Russian attack failed, we captured two Russian officers and 600 men. Near Olcyny, on the left bank of the Omulew, two Russian night attacks were repulsed. Russian attempts to cross the lower Bzura failed."

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Battles in Northern Poland are said in Berlin to have resulted in a succession of German victories. The official German statement of to-day asserts that 2,000 Russians were killed and 3,000 captured in engagement at Krasnopol. In the German occupation announced yesterday it claimed that 10,000 prisoners were taken. Russian attacks at other points are said to have been repulsed. The latest statement from the Petrograd war office is that the German offensive movement in this region has been checked.

An official announcement from Constantinople says that a Turkish aeroplane

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