

URGES SPAIN TO DECLARE WHOM, OF BELLIGERENTS, SHE CLASSES AS FRIENDS

Madrid, Via Paris, April 19, 5:40 A. M.—"Silence at present is a crime, for if we wait until the moment of victory to show our sympathy for the victor it is probable we shall be too late," was the assertion made by Count Alvaro de Romanones, former premier of Spain in speaking yesterday to a large audience at Palma, capital of the Balearic isles. He pointed out that Spain's foreign policy since the Cartagena agreement in 1907 has been more and more favorable to the triple entente.

"The present hours are so grave and important," said the former premier, "that it is necessary for Spain to make a solemn declaration. Without violating our neutrality we must say who among the belligerents we consider our friends."

Count Romanones' address was enthusiastically cheered by his hearers.

The Cartagena agreement was a triple understanding reached between Great Britain, France and Spain following a visit of the late King Edward to Spain for the first time recognizing the right to hold the Peninsula. Spain, on the other hand benefited by having a strong power guarantee her position in the Canary Islands and the Mediterranean, including the Balearic Islands.

No attempt was made by Germany to conceal its irritation at the conclusion of the agreement for it was felt that its chief aim probably was the further isolation of that country.

WIFE DEAD AND UNBURIED, HIS SON IN ARMY, BARON IS APPARENTLY A SUICIDE

London, April 19.—Baron Herbert De Reuter, managing director of Reuter's Telegram Company, was found dead yesterday at his home near Reigate, Surrey. A discharged revolver was found near his body and the authorities declare there is little doubt he committed suicide. Baron De Reuter was prostrated by the death of his wife last Thursday. Her body is still in the home awaiting interment. Their only son is in the army.

Baron Augustus Julius Clemens Herbert De Reuter was born March 19, 1852. He was educated at Harrow, Oxford and Paris. His wife, whom he married in 1876, was a daughter of the late Robert Campbell of Buscot Park, Berkshire. Besides the son and heir who is in the British army, they are survived by a daughter, who is the wife of E. J. Douglas.

Baron De Reuter succeeded to the title upon the death in 1899 of his father, who was created a baron of the duchy of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha in 1871. Royal license for permission to use the title in England was granted in 1891 by Queen Victoria.

The first baron was the founder of Reuter's Telegram Company, now one of the leading news gathering organizations of the world. In 1851 when the cable was laid between England and France the headquarters of the company was transferred to London.

SWITZERLAND DETERMINED TO STAY STRICTLY NEUTRAL

Rome, Via Paris, April 19.—The "Tribuna" to-day publishes an interview with Dr. Giuseppe Motta, President of Switzerland, who is declared to have said that Switzerland is determined to maintain absolute neutrality in the war, "without looking to right or to the left, but full of sympathy for all."

"Switzerland is desirous," Dr. Motta continued, "to fulfill her humanitarian duty, and thus pay her debt to all-sister countries and again affirm before the world the reason for her existence as a free and neutral state. I was deeply grieved when the honest neutrality of Switzerland was doubted. Supposing, for the sake of argument, that Switzerland should renounce her neutrality. She would be ruined, as she would automatically dissolve into her various component nationalities."

Dr. Motta, according to the interviewer, said he would give his word of honor that no treaty exists between Switzerland and Germany to defend his country from Italian occupation of the canton of Ticino, or to allow Germany, in case of war with Italy, to bring her army through Switzerland to Chiasso.

GERMANS TO TAKE FORCES IN FRANCE TO OTHER POINTS

Geneva via Paris, April 19, 5:35 A. M.—A Vienna dispatch to the "Tribuna" says that at a council of war presided over by Field Marshal von Hindenburg, it was decided that the Austrian heavy artillery now before Verdun (in the department of Meuse, France), should be transferred to Poland and that the cavalry now on the western front be sent back to Cracow.

Rome, April 19, 9:50 P. M., via Paris, April 19, 6:15 A. M.—Official communications received by the Italian Cabinet and statements made by Germans in official circles, have given the impression here that the German general staff has abandoned plans for a general offensive movement on the French frontier and has decided simply to maintain the defensive. This impression has caused a deep impression here because it is believed to signify that Germany has no hope of penetrating further into French territory.

BOTTOM DROPS OUT ANOTHER SENSATIONAL U. S. JAP STORY

Washington, April 19.—Any doubt that may have existed in the minds of administration officials as to the pur-

pose of Japanese operations on Turtle Bay, Lower California, it was believed here to-day, had been set at rest by the report of Commander Noble E. Irwin, of the cruiser, New Orleans, that there were no indications of any activity except salvage work on the stranded cruiser Asama.

Commander Irwin had been sent to Turtle Bay by the Navy Department to investigate newspaper reports that the Japanese had established a permanent naval base there. Officials all along had expressed disbelief in the reports that Japan had intended permanent occupation.

BRITISH EXPLAIN LOSS OF LIFE ON SUNKEN STEAMER

London, April 19.—An official statement from the British Admiralty, issued last night, gives the substance of a further report concerning the loss of life aboard the transport Manito, which was attacked by a Turkish torpedo boat in the Aegean sea. The report shows that 24 men were drowned, instead of 100, as first reported, and that 27 others are missing. The transport itself was not damaged.

FIELD MARSHAL LINDEQUIST HERO OF MANY WARS, IS DEAD

Amsterdam, April 19, via London, 7:35 A. M.—Telegrams received here from Berlin announce the death of General Field Marshal Oskar Von Lindequist.

Born in 1838, Field Marshal Von Lindequist had an active military career. He was a lieutenant at the age of 19, took part in the Danish campaign of 1864, and was in the war against Austria in 1866 and in the war of 1870 he was present at Sedan and during the siege of Paris.

SAYS GERMANY HAS NO SERIOUS THOUGHT OF KEEPING BELGIUM

Amsterdam, via London, April 19.—The Cologne correspondent of the "Tijds" discussing peace conditions says:

"There is no serious thought in competent circles in Germany of retaining Belgium. Within a few weeks some surprising statements on this matter may be expected. The leaders of German opinion are now agreed that the aim of the war will have been reached as soon as Germany's national existence is guaranteed and her colonies secured."

Germans Capture Aviator Garros
Berlin, April 19, via London, 7:35 A. M.—The report on the progress of hostilities given to-day by German headquarters relates that Lieutenant Roland G. Garros, the famous French aviator, has been made a prisoner by the Germans at Ingelmunster, Belgium.

Lieutenant Garros is well known in the United States having flown in many competitions in this country.

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ward his opponent. To all outward appearances neither was aware that the other was a peer.

Allowed 12 Peremptory Challenges.
As soon as Justice William S. Andrews had ascended the bench the roll of the special panel of 75 talesmen was called and the selection of the jury began. Each side was informed by the court that they would be allowed six peremptory challenges. The talesmen were questioned by William L. Barnum, a Syracuse attorney, for Colonel Roosevelt. He wanted to know whether the "political prominence heretofore" of either one or both of the principals would affect the decision of possible jurors. He also asked talesmen whether they believed a man in politics might be libeled just as any other citizen.

The fact that the defendant had been President of the United States and Governor of New York was also dwelt on by the attorney in framing his inquiries.

Funeral of Mrs. J. B. Painter
Hershey, April 19.—Saturday morning the funeral of the late Mrs. Josiah Hershey Painter was held at this place and was one of the largest funerals held at this place for some time. A brief service was held at the home after which the body was taken to the United Brethren church, of which the deceased was a member for many years. The services were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. N. L. Linebaugh, assisted by the Revs. H. Miller, of Penbrook, and O. G. Romig, Mrs. Painter was aged 54 years and is survived by a husband and one daughter.

6 TO 12 YEARS FOR BOMB THROWERS

New York, April 19.—Frank Abarno and Carmine Carbone, anarchists, who made and set a bomb in St. Patrick's cathedral March 2 when hundreds were worshipping within the edifice, were sentenced to-day to serve not less than six years nor more than 12 in Sing Sing prison.

MRS. SNYDER FILLS PULPIT

Will Conduct Services at the Cove as Well as at Edgemont
Mrs. W. J. Snyder has been appointed to supply the pulpit for the Union Mission at the Cove. Mrs. Snyder has had charge of the Gospel Mission at Edgemont for one year.

Besides the regular preaching service every Sunday evening there has been installed a weekly Bible study, prayer meeting and Friday night, special prayer for the un saved.

Mrs. Snyder and her workers will remain at Edgemont another year and also fill the pulpit at the Cove every two weeks.

An anniversary will be held at the Gospel Mission to-day at 7:30 p. m., when the year's work will be reviewed.

RECEPTION AT ZION CHURCH

Brotherhood Will Entertain New Members and African Missionary
The Meb of Zion Brotherhood of Zion Lutheran church will give a reception this evening in the lecture room of the church to the new members of the organization. The Rev. C. H. Brosius, returned missionary from Africa, will be a guest of honor. The program will begin at 8 o'clock and a social hour will follow.

ALL HOPE FOR FRANK GONE

United States Supreme Court Decides Against Murderer of Mary Phagan, a Factory Girl

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Washington, April 19.—The Supreme Court of the United States to-day decided against Leo M. Frank, convicted of the murder of Mary Phagan, a girl who was employed in his factory at Atlanta, Ga., in his habeas corpus case. Justice Pitney delivered the opinion of the court. He concluded by saying:

"In all the proceedings in the courts of Georgia the fullest right and opportunity to be heard according to the established modes of procedure have been accorded to him."

Leo M. Frank's legal fight for life has taken a place among the celebrated murder cases of recent years. Seven times since his conviction in August, 1913, the lower and supreme courts of the State of Georgia refused to grant Frank a new trial or to set aside the verdict; three times the sentence of death was passed upon him and twice appeals were made to the United States Supreme Court, the first being unsuccessful and the second resulting in the decision to-day.

The murder of fourteen-year-old Mary Phagan, a factory employee, of Atlanta, Ga., which at first appeared to be a crime of only local importance, eventually developed into a case of nationwide interest.

Mary Phagan was murdered April 26, 1913, on a Southern holiday in observance of Confederate Memorial Day. Shortly after noon of that day she was seen to enter the pencil factory, in Atlanta, where she had been employed and where she went to obtain wages due her. Her body was found next morning in the basement of the factory, with a cord tied about the neck.

FOREST FIRES IN MANY COUNTIES ARE REPORTED

Reports received at the Department of Forestry up to noon to-day indicated that spring forest fires have broken out in many counties, and while they are not large they have created great apprehension among the people in the vicinity of the blazing sections. The person charged with the suppression of these fires have been working hard since Saturday with much success.

Wenatchee township, Dauphin county, near Leckens, forest fire was fought all day Saturday, but is reported to-day to be under control. Other reports show that fires have been discovered and fought in Lehigh township, Carbon county; near Millerstown, Perry county; in three townships in Franklin county, near Fort Loudon; Rush and Boggs townships, Centre county; Salem township, Luzerne county; Cummins township, Lycoming county; Turbett township, Juniata county; York township, York county; Cartanet township, Clinton county; Euclia township, Potter county; Derry township, Lebanon county; Lumber township, Cameron county; and Morris township, Tioga county.

In some cases the fires were caused by the carelessness of fishing parties in camps and the forest rangers have posted notices everywhere warning fishing parties and others to be careful in making camp-fires and in seeing that no embers are left when the camps are abandoned. In some counties the fires were caused by sparks from the locomotives, and the authorities believe that in some cases the flames were the deliberate work of mischief makers.

Big Forest Fire in Maryland

Hagerstown, Md., April 19.—The largest forest fire that has visited this section for years is sweeping everything before it in the mountainous region between Smithsburg and Wolfsville, near the Pennsylvania border. Already more than 4,000 acres of land have been burned over, all of which contains valuable timber. The loss so far will run into the thousands.

Lock Haven Reservoir Threatened

Williamsport, Pa., April 19.—Forest fires near Lock Haven threaten reservoir property owned by Lock Haven. The summer home of Henry W. Shoemaker, owner of the Altoona "Tribune," at McElhattan, is also in danger.

To Judge Oratorical Contest

The judges for the oratorical contest of the Junior girls' class of the Central High school have been elected as follows: Mrs. Mabel Cronise Jones, Mrs. John W. Reilly and Mrs. William Henderson. The preliminary contests, which will be private, will be held at the school on Friday, May 12, and the finals, to be participated in by the winners of the preliminary, will take place on May 21.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

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The best known of French aviators whose exploits during the war won him fame, has been captured by the Germans. The Berlin War Office announced that the lieutenant was made prisoner near Ingelmunster, Belgium.

The authenticity of the official French and British war reports is challenged by the German war office which characterizes such inventions their claims to victory. These claims, it is said, are disproved by the official German statement.

Information has reached Petrograd that the Austrian attempts to regain positions in Northern Hungary captured recently by the Russians have been abandoned. It is said that after six days of violent fighting, during which the Russians maintained their position, the Austrian attack subsided.

Abandonment by the German General Staff of plans for a general offensive in France is inferred from information received there. It is said this decision is indicated by official communications to the Italian cabinet, as well as by statements of Germans in official circles, and that hope of penetrating further into French territory has been put aside.

Boston Braves Down Brooklyn
Boston, April 19.—The Boston National League champions had no trouble in defeating the Brooklyn team in the morning holiday here to-day. Score by innings:

Brooklyn ... 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 2 9 0
Boston ... 4 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 7 9 2
Dell, Coombs and McCarthy; Strand and Cowdy. Umpires Rigler and Emis.

LOSS FOR 2 FIRES PUT AT \$200,000

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cent. of the individuals who had articles stored in the building were insured.

A large portion of the extensive manufacturing and warehouse district between Market street and the Mulberry street bridge, was endangered by the fire in the Montgomery warehouse and Fire Chief Kinder regards it almost as a miracle that the fire did not reach to Market street along Tenth and take in the Graupner stables adjoining on the south.

Unusual precautions were taken to avoid putting water on a small frame building facing Tenth street just north of the Graupner stables where 20,000 pounds of carbide used with water in making acetylene gas, was stored. Should water have gotten in this building gas would have formed and a disastrous explosion, which would have spread the fire for squares around, would have followed, in the belief of the fire chief. This building was on fire twice but two firemen stationed there with hand chemicals extinguishers stopped the flames.

Crap Shooters Start Blaze

The fire started in the southeast corner of the Montgomery building where farm machinery belonging to the International Harvester Company was stored. Crap shooters have been known to get into this building from the creek side for a Sunday game and Fire Chief Kinder is of the opinion that the fire was started by invaders of this kind.

The fire had gained such headway that it was impossible to get into the building at any place when the firemen arrived. Chief Kinder ordered all of the companies that responded to the first alarm to fight the fire from the Tenth street side, and he then sent in the second and third alarms and all the companies responding in positions to fight the flames from the Paxton creek side. The fire ate its way north through the building along the creek to the main building and then westward to Tenth street, leaving standing but the extreme ends of the structure.

There are scores of individual losers as a result of this fire, and it is impossible to tell the exact loss. It was said at the warehouse this morning that it will reach more than \$150,000. Chief Kinder is of the opinion that this figure will cover everything.

Some of the farm machinery and pumps, which were valued at more than \$50,000, have escaped serious damage, in the opinion of the fire chief. These are the property of E. Myers & Brother, of Ashland, Ohio. A load of new buggies, valued at \$1,500, the property of Montgomery Ward & Co., were destroyed, and \$1,000 worth of barbers' chairs and barbers' fixtures, belonging to James Barr Company, Inc., of Philadelphia, were ruined. A tractor owned by the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company and several wagons of the Peiper Line Company, an auxiliary to Montgomery & Co., were destroyed.

Many Lose by Fire

Printing power owned by the Minter Co.; the State Department of Printing and Binding and Frank Hartzel and freight of many descriptions shipped over the Philadelphia & Reading road also was destroyed. This loss will also reach several thousand dollars. Tents and camping paraphernalia owned by the State Y. M. C. A.; scales, by J. O. Winestead; groceries, by Intyre & Green, Philadelphia; groceries, by Comly Plannigan Co., Philadelphia; coffee, by the Enterprise Coffee Company, this city; pipe organ by Athens George, this city and tanks and pipes owned by the Automatic Sprinkling Company, New York, were destroyed with a loss of many thousands of dollars. Three carloads of furniture were lost by Bowler Co., this city.

On the second floor of the building on the Tenth street side, were thirty-three rooms for the storage of furniture. Several persons stood on the outside helpless as the fire raged among their household goods. Twenty pianos were destroyed. Mrs. W. J. Hughes, who is moving to Atlantic City and who in storage to-day, had nothing left to move. Her goods were ready to be transferred. Among the individual losers of furniture were:

Individual Losers
A. Altmeir, G. H. Albright, Mrs. J. Bartholomew, Miss A. L. Boyer, G. W. Burkholder, E. C. Bowman, Mrs. E. F. Crombie, J. R. Crosby, J. H. Collins, S. S. Daniel, W. H. Ellis, Hugo Hammer, Mrs. W. J. Hughes, Mrs. E. R. Johnson, S. K. Jacobs, J. F. Kraus, John Charles Moser, W. K. Maritz, Mrs. J. M. McLaughlin, Peter J. Melon, A. F. Myers, Charles O'Neill, John L. Orner, J. A. Plank, Fred Palmer, J. F. Robinson, E. E. Ross, J. W. Rosson, Miss Clara L. Simons, J. H. Stonry, H. F. White and Miss Emma Wright.

When the fire threatened the frame building of the Hubert Manufacturing Company, adjoining the Montgomery building, Chief Kinder sent in a general alarm, calling all of the city's fire companies to the blaze.

The general alarm attracted the Sunday afternoon promenaders to the fire and thousands watched the blaze, which has as spectacular a daylight fire as Harrisburg has witnessed for a long time. The fire was so hot at times that the crowd moved back from the ropes stretched by the police and several times they were driven back by the smoke, which was heavy enough to obscure the sun. Thousands were satisfied with a view from the Mulberry street bridge.

PENNSYLVANIA FEED CO.

WAREHOUSE DESTROYED

John Haldeman, watchman in the warehouse of the Pennsylvania Feed Company, along the Pennsylvania railroad north of Division street, discovered a charcoal pit on fire at 1 o'clock yesterday morning. His attempts to extinguish the blaze were fruitless and he asked the city for aid. The Camp Curtin Fire Company was sent to the fire and later an alarm was turned in and the district companies responded from Sixth and Mahantongo streets.

The building, which was entirely destroyed, was the property of Charles E. Covert, who one time operated the Prime Feed Company there. The machinery also belonged to Mr. Covert, who places his loss at \$30,000. He had \$15,000 insurance. Since January 1 the building had been leased

to Jacob Strickler, of Lewistown, and George W. Broderick, of this city, who operated under the name of the Pennsylvania Feed Company. Mr. Broderick said this morning that the loss of the latter company will be \$8,000. No insurance was carried on the contents. The glare of the flames could be seen from many parts of the city.

CHILDREN SET FIRE TO INDUSTRIAL HOME

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caused by the lighting of matches in the closet.

The afternoon blaze could not have been a continuation of that which occurred in the morning, since the rooms in which the fire occurred are separated by another large room. An examination of the walls by the firemen showed that no flames had spread between them.

Although the superintendents at the Home can find no reason why any of the children should be set fire to the building, and do not have any of the youngsters in particular under suspicion, they can offer as the only explanation for the successive fires the deliberate lighting of matches by children of the Home in the two closets. They will do what they can to find the guilty one, that further fires may be prevented. Matches are in use throughout the building since the lighting is by gas.

The fire this afternoon was discovered by boys playing on the outside of the building, who saw the smoke issuing from the second story room occupied by the two nurses. They at once gave the alarm, but there was no confusion among the children, all of whom were on the first floor or on the playgrounds. One of the youngsters was having his singing lesson in a room on the lower floor while the smoke was clearing away on the floor above.

Several weeks ago the Nursery Home, which was in the old Watts mansion, Third street and Reel's Lane, was practically wrecked by fire of mysterious origin. Fifty children all were rescued, though with some difficulty, and were sent to the institution where they are now, awaiting the completion of the new nursery home which is being built on Cameron street.

AWARD FOR ASPHALT PLANT WILL BE MADE TO-MORROW

City Commissioners Reticent on Who Will Get the Contract, But It Is Believed a Cleveland Firm Will Be Successful Bidder

The award of the contract for constructing and equipping Harrisburg's municipal asphalt plant, at Ninth and Shannois streets, will be made at the meeting of the City Commissioners to-morrow afternoon, so William H. Lynch, Highway Commissioner, announced this afternoon. The Commissioner declined to say what firm will get the contract, although belief was expressed that it will go to the F. D. Cummer & Son Company, of Cleveland, O., one of whose plants was inspected by Commissioners Lynch and Harry F. Bowman and City Engineer M. B. Cowden, on Friday and Saturday.

Alfred L. Snyres, Highway Commissioner of Camden, N. J., an expert on asphalt plants, to-day was in the city and examined plant specifications as submitted by firms through the competitive bidding scheme.

Commissioner Lynch to-day said it is not likely that the award of the contracts for the new street sprinkler and two additional street sweepers will be made to-morrow. The Studebaker Corporation Company bid on this apparatus was taken by the mail carrier to the Highway Commissioner's residence and consequently was not opened at noon on Saturday when others were examined. It was sealed and came by registered mail.

The firm bid \$197.50 on seven-foot wide sweepers and \$314.50 on eight-foot wide sweepers. The width of the machine to be adopted will determine whether the Studebaker is low bidder. Other firms bid on eight and nine-foot wide sweepers.

Public Safety Commissioner Bowman will introduce an ordinance at to-morrow's meeting providing for a water pipe in Bona street, from Eighth street to the eastern city line.

MORGENTHAU SAVED FROM DEATH, BY HICHER COURT

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he imposed under a charge of murder in the second degree. Judge Wilbur E. Sadler, however, declined to do that, and, after hearing all of the Commonwealth's witnesses, held that elements of first degree murder were contained in the evidence, and accordingly imposed the death penalty as the sentence.

Exception were taken to the Cumberland county court's ruling but they were set aside. The case then was appealed to the Supreme court and the case was argued in Philadelphia on February 22. Morgenthau is well up in years and until the time of his arrest had for a number of years been a huckster. He lived on Filbert street, this city.

On the early morning of May 21, last, the defendant and Rupp engaged in a pistol battle after Rupp, acting under the belief that an attempt was being made to rob his henery, went out into his yard to search for the supposed thieves. Rupp died before any of his relatives could get to his assistance. Morgenthau was wounded, a pistol bullet having penetrated his wrist, and he was arrested on the Market street bridge on his way back to this city.

Mrs. Amanda Seidel

Mrs. Amanda Seidel died at her home, Reilly and Susquehanna streets, Saturday night. Funeral services will be held at her home this evening at 7:30 o'clock. The body will be taken to Dillsburg to-morrow by Undertakers Hoover & Son, where further services will take place at the home of her nephew, Elmer Weaver, and interment made.

Masonic Lodge to Meet

Members of Chosen Friends Lodge No. 43, Free and Accepted Masons, will meet to-night in the temple, Third and State streets, when action on the death of Charles H. Jackson will be taken.

PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD TO HEAR LONG LIST OF CASES

Commission Meets To-morrow, When Complaints Against Many Railroads and Other Corporations Are Scheduled

The Public Service Commission is scheduled to meet to-morrow morning for the consideration of a long list of cases, none of them, however, of great importance. To-morrow afternoon the complaint of the Glen Rock Motor Company against the New York and Maryland Line Turnpike Company will be held, when charges of the bad condition of the toll-road will be presented. On Wednesday morning the Board will be asked to approve the contracts between the city of Reading and the Metropolitan Electric Company and the Consumers' Gas Company; also between the township of Martie, Lancaster county, and the Colemanville Water and Power Company.

On Wednesday the application of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company to construct a grade crossing switch in Jackson township, Lebanon county, will be heard, and approval will be asked for the incorporation of the Heidelberg Township and South Lebanon Township Electric Companies, in Lebanon county. On Thursday Charles W. Bucher will present his complaint against the Cumberland Valley Telephone Company, charging a violation of contract covering an interchange telephone service in Littlestown and Gettysburg exchanges. On Friday the Northern Central Railway Company will ask for approval of a grade crossing in York to connect with the Pullman Motor Company, and the Edison Electric Company will ask the approval of a contract between it and the city of York for lighting the streets of the city.

WANTS HUSBAND TO PAY LAWYER, ALSO ALIMONY

Wife of Mervin Bogner Alleges That She Has a Just Defense to Make to Divorce Suit Which Charges Desertion

At the suggestion of counsel for the respondent the court this morning granted a rule on Mervin Bogner, requiring him to show cause why he should not pay his wife alimony, and counsel fees with which to defend the divorce action he has instituted against her. The wife, Nellie, contends that she has a true and just defense to make to his charge of wilful desertion but that she is without financial means to present her case. The matter will be threshed out in argument court if not adjusted by the attorneys.

Three new divorce suits were begun this morning. Infidelity is charged in two cases, Walter vs. Eva Rinehart and Peter vs. Anna Radukie while in the suit of Ray M. vs. Lillie M. Houtz, desertion is alleged.

Trust Company Made Guardian

The Central Trust Company, of this city, was to-day appointed guardian for Ida M. Irene and William A. Hershey, children of Fannie F. Hershey who are heirs to about \$100 each.

Bridge Report Confirmed

The report of the inspectors who view the new bridge spanning the Swatara creek, between Middletown and Royallton, this morning was confirmed absolutely by Judge Kunkel and immediately was thrown open to general traffic.

Defendant Wants Judgment

A motion for judgment in the damage suit of Anna J. Saylor, who was awarded a \$10 verdict against Albert McCall, was made this morning by counsel for the defense. The matter was placed on the argument list.

Building Permit

Miller Bros. & Company this morning obtained a building permit to build an addition to the three-story building at 656 Reilly street, to cost \$400.

County Officials Away

Prothonotary Henry F. Holler this morning went to Mouch Chunk on a business trip. County Controller Henry W. Gough will return to-night from Pittsburgh, where he spent the last several days.

Wills Probated To-day

The will of Wilhelm J. A. Seltzer, late of East Hanover township, was probated this morning and letters were granted to John C. Seltzer, who is the sole beneficiary. Under the will of Emma E. Smith, late of this city, which was probated this morning, William Smith, the husband, receives the entire estate and is made executor thereof.

Marriage Licenses

Henry R. Michael, Lykens township, and Lizzie K. Smith, Valley View, Frank G. Beatty and Catherine E. Suteh, city.

Plumbers Take Exams

Five applicants for plumbers' certificates to-day were examined by the plumbing examining board as follows: for master certificates, Harry Nash, Samuel Blumenstine and Walter Owens; journeymen, C. H. Gerneyer and George J. McClaren. Decisions were withheld.

CIVIC CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Important Meeting Held at Y. W. C. A. This Afternoon