

RESCUES BABY FROM FLAMES

Heroic Act of Mother as Terrible Forest Fire Lave Her Home Near Wolfville

(Special to the Star-Independent.) Hagerstown, Md., April 20.—The forest fires which have been raging in the mountains east of this city continue unchecked, although hundreds of men are fighting them. Thousands of dollars' worth of timberland have already burned, along with much valuable property.

The largest fire originated near Edgemont, sweeping along the mountain for miles. The fire burned over the site of the old Blue Mountain House, thence on toward Pen-Mar Park. One body of flames spread into Franklin county, Pa., where it raged the entire day. Several villages have been menaced.

The mountains west of Hancock were burning all yesterday and last night, the flames threatening the game preserves of the Woodmont Rod and Gun Club. An outbuilding near the club house was damaged, but the club house was saved.

Two barns and a dwelling near Jefferson, Frederick county, were destroyed by fire last night. One was owned by Clarence Hemp, who also lost his home. George Stiner owned the other barn. The Hemp farm one of the daughters of the owner heroically rushed into the barn when she saw the flames approaching and released the cattle, driving them to a place of safety.

A large house owned by John Hayes, near Wolfville, was swept away by the fire. Mrs. Hayes, who was away from home, upon noticing the approaching fire remembered that baby was lying in bed on the second floor. Rushing to her home, she ran upstairs, snatched the baby in her arms and then hurried to a place of safety. A few moments later the house was in flames.

Flames Devastating Blue Ridge Allentown, Pa., April 20.—A furious fire has already done thousands of dollars damage on the Blue Ridge mountains between Slatington and Palmyerton. At the last named place is situated the plant of the New Jersey Zinc Company, the largest in the world. The fire, which began to-day, is believed to be due to sparks from a locomotive. Three hundred men are engaged fighting the flames, but up to a late hour this afternoon little progress had been made. Help has been summoned from Slatington, Palmyerton, Hazard and Lehigh Gap. Trenches are being thrown up and in this way it is expected the flames will be checked.

BECOMES CITIZEN THOUGH WAR DETAINS HIS WIFE

Foreigner Obtains Naturalization Papers Here To-day When Judge Witmer Rules That European Conflict Sets Aside a Provision of the Law

The fact that a foreigner's wife is within the European war zone and unable to get back immediately to America is considered by Federal Judge Charles B. Witmer to be a legal excuse for her now not being here with her husband and he holds that it cannot act as a bar to the granting of citizenship papers to the husband. There is a rule under the Federal law which prescribes that a foreigner who is married cannot become a citizen unless his wife is here with him.

A Steleton man of Hungarian descent explained to Judge Witmer in naturalization court here this morning that his wife went back to Hungary last June and that although she has made several attempts to return she has been prevented from so doing by the European war. The applicant otherwise qualified for naturalization papers and the Judge directed that he be sworn and given citizenship rights.

Another alien who was to have appeared in court this morning for naturalization papers, his friends explaining to the judge, was requisitioned for war service while on a visit to his fatherland, Hungary, and, therefore, is not prepared to press his application. It was said that the applicant now is an army officer and suggestion was made that even if he returns to America after the war he will be obliged to start anew his application for citizenship rights.

One foreigner had made every qualification for his papers except ability to write his name. His application was denied. The alien wanted to make "his mark" and have the clerk sign the name. He was advised to practice writing. A score of more applicants qualified and obtained citizenship rights.

Several civil suits were argued before the Federal judge. A dispute in the Mead Morrison Manufacturing Company patent case against the Exeter machine works, was settled by the attorneys. Questions of law were involved regarding the proposed appeal of the case to the Circuit Court of Appeals.

FLINN SUES FOR \$25,000

Pittsburgh Politician in Controversy About California Gold Mine

(By Associated Press.) San Francisco, April 20.—Trial of a suit brought by William Flinn, of Pittsburgh, Pa., against the Twenty-One Mining Company for the recovery of \$25,000 was begun in the Superior Court here yesterday.

An agreement to purchase a gold mine, located at Allegheny, Sierra county, Cal., for \$250,000 was entered into by Flinn June 27, 1913, according to the testimony. An option, it is alleged, was taken after a favorable report on the mine had been made by an expert. Later, Flinn alleges, another examination was made and it was not favorable.

Flinn then began the suit for the return of \$25,000 option money and asked that the agreement be set aside.

Boy Bitten by Dog

While playing near his home Sunday, Albert Kirk, son of Robert L. Kirk, 332 Boyd street, was bitten by a large dog owned by Ralph Entler, a neighbor, and badly injured about the face. The child was treated at the office of Dr. Park Deckard, where the gashes in his face were dressed.

DYNAMITE EXPLODED IN FIRE

Five Persons Were Injured While Fighting Flames That Destroyed a Large Bank Barn

(Special to the Star-Independent.) Hagerstown, Md., April 20.—While a large bank barn on the farm of Dr. C. B. Boyle, along the Western Pike about a mile from this city, was being destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon, a can containing fifteen pounds of dynamite exploded, badly injuring five firefighters. All are expected to recover.

A short time after the discovery of the fire, while the spectators were helping keep the blaze from the house, there was a terrific explosion in the corner, a hundred feet away. A dozen people close to the crib were hurled to the ground. All of the windows in the dwelling were shattered.

The cause of the explosion is not known but it is thought the heat from the burning building, which was driven in the direction of the corncrib by the wind, caused it. The loss to Dr. Boyle and the tenant, A. M. Ambrose, will be several thousand dollars, partly covered by insurance.

BISHOPS WILL SPEAK HERE

Prominent Episcopal Clergymen to Participate in Diocese Celebration to Be Held Next Month

Bishops from several different States, from Canada and from Cuba will take part in the observance in this city May 10, 11 and 12 of the tenth anniversary of the Harrisburg diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The opening service will be held in St. Stephen's church Monday, May 10. The principal service of the celebration is to be held on Tuesday morning, when an address will be given by the Bishop of Rhode Island, the Rev. Frederick Burgess.

The other speakers during the three-day celebration will include the Bishop of Bethlehem, the Rev. Ethelbert Talbot; the Bishop of Central New York, the Rev. Charles Olmsted; the Bishop of Toronto, the Rev. James Sweeney; the Bishop Murray of Maryland, and the Bishop of Cuba, the Rev. Hiram Hulme. The Harrisburg diocese was formed in May, 1905. Bishop James Henry Darlington has been head of the diocese since that time, and the occasion next month will also be the tenth anniversary of his selection as bishop.

FIGHT FOR D. A. R. PRESIDENT

Contest Between Mrs. Story and Mrs. Guernsey Becomes Interesting On Eve of Battle

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 20.—With the election of officers only one day removed, the contest between Mrs. William Cummings Story, of New York, and Mrs. George Thatcher Guernsey, of Kansas, for president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, took on renewed vigor to-day. While delegates settled down to business of to-day's session of the Congress, campaign managers for the opposing candidates for president general were actively at work strengthening their forces for the supreme contest tomorrow. Various State delegations caucused early to-day for a final roundup of voting strength.

Interest in the outcome becomes more and more tense as the time for the battle of ballots nears. Mrs. Story and Mrs. Guernsey will be placed in nomination to-night. The balloting will not begin before to-morrow.

To-day's sessions of the congress were taken up with the presentation of national officers and committee reports.

REVIEW OF ATLANTIC FLEET

President Wilson Will Look the War Vessels Over May 17 In New York Harbor

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 20.—With May 17 selected as the date for the review of the Atlantic fleet in New York harbor by President Wilson, Navy Department officials to-day were working out the details of the review and of events to follow ashore. These include a water carnival on the night of May 17, and a parade the next day by bluejackets and marines from the fleet, federal troops and other military organizations.

The President will remain in New York until May 18 and the reviewing party which he will head will include members of the Cabinet, members of Congress, diplomats and others. Between June 21 and 25, the fleet will begin its long cruise for San Francisco and pass through the Panama Canal about July 4. President Wilson has definitely decided that it will be impossible for him to be present at the ceremony incident to the formal opening of the canal in July.

APPENDICITIS KILLS EUSTIS

Head of Cincinnati Banking Firm Dies in New York

(By Associated Press.) New York, April 20.—George D. Eustis, head of the banking and brokerage firm of George Eustis and Company, of Cincinnati, it was learned to-day, died in Roosevelt Hospital here late last night.

Mr. Eustis was taken ill in Philadelphia a week ago while on his way to this city but remained in a hotel until Sunday when he underwent an operation for appendicitis. He was vice president of the Cincinnati Gas and Electric Company, a director of the Little Miami Railroad Company and one of the best known bankers of the Middle West.

FORMER GREEK PREMIER GETS BIG OVATION IN EGYPT

London, April 20.—An Alexandria News Agency Company says former Premier Venizelos arrived there this morning and was greeted at the quay by a wildly enthusiastic crowd.

No preliminary announcement was made of M. Venizelos' decision to visit Alexandria. The Athens correspondent of the "Petit Journal" of Paris, in a dispatch sent Sunday said the former premier had informed him he proposed to spend a fortnight on the Island of Samos, after which he would leave for America.

M. Venizelos left Greece because he regarded as an insult the recent denial by the king of certain statements which the former premier had made regarding his foreign policy. The Venizelos Cabinet favored the intervention of Greece in the war and resigned when King Constantine and his advisers decided to adhere to a policy of neutrality.

SWOBODA TO BE FREED ON CHARGE OF FIRING TOURNAIE

Paris, April 20.—French military authorities have decided to drop the charge of setting fire to the steamer La Touraine which was preferred against the man known as Raymond Swoboda, the "Fat Parisien."

Captain Bouchardon, the officer appointed to investigate the case, is credited with having expressed the opinion that there is not sufficient evidence against the prisoner to obtain a conviction on this charge. He still faces an accusation of espionage, however.

Swoboda, who admitted at a preliminary hearing that his real name was Raymond Ruff Schwind, was removed yesterday from the Sante prison to the Palais De Justice, where he was examined by Captain Bouchardon. Although he is in a restaurant, Warders watch him closely in the fear that he may attempt suicide.

TRAWLER'S CAPTAIN TELLS OF HIS ESCAPE FROM SUBMARINE

(Grimsby, Eng., April 20, 2.20 A. M.)—Captain Hill, of the trawler Fermo, which attempted to rescue the crew of the trawler "Vanilla" when that vessel was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in the North sea Sunday, but was forced to flee to save his ship from a similar fate, has arrived here.

Captain Hill says that he was chased for four hours by the submarine. Pursuit was abandoned owing to the darkness. Captain Hill says he only escaped being captured by the submarine on a full head of steam and steering a zigzag course and keeping the submarine at ways on his stern.

TRUE BILLS FOUND AGAINST 3 ALLEGED GERMAN SPIES

London, April 20.—True bills were returned by the Grand Jury in the Old Bailey police court to-day against three alleged German spies, Kuepferle, Hahn and Muller, charged with sending military information to Germany.

Anton Kuepferle professes to be an American and it is believed he comes from Brooklyn; Mueller claims he is a naturalized Englishman, while Hahn admits he is German.

Strict precautions were taken to-day to exclude all outsiders at the hearing. While the judge was addressing the Grand Jury, even the ushers were turned out of the room. When the case is heard in Camera next week every person connected with it will be sworn to secrecy.

FRENCH ATTACKS ALL FAIL, SAYS REPORT FROM BERLIN

Berlin, April 20, by Wireless to Sayville.—German army headquarters to-day gave out a report on the progress of hostilities, reading:

"German sapping attacks in the Champagne country yesterday made progress, while a French attack in the Argennes, north of Le Four De Paris, resulted in failure.

"Between the Meuse and the Moselle yesterday witnessed isolated but spirited artillery exchanges. A French attack near Clermes broke down. Near Croix Des Carries German troops entered the main position of the enemy to the west of Avrecoeur and stormed and recaptured the village of Embersnil.

"In the Vosges a French attack on Schelecker heights resulted in failure, while the German advance on Hartmann-Weilkerkopf gained about 100 yards. On the eastern front the situation remains unchanged."

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

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British South African forces have captured Keelmannshop, German Southwest Africa. Control of this position is regarded as important, since it places in the hands of the British forces the railway leading to the territorial capital.

Intangible reports, which, nevertheless, are credited in high quarters, are heard in Rome to the effect that European peace may be concluded within the near future.

The Russian fleet which has been attacking the Bosphorus is reported to have caused the destruction of two Turkish torpedo boat destroyers. A dispatch from Saloniki says the Russians mined the entrance to the Bosphorus while the Turkish fleet was cruising in the Black sea and that the Turkish vessels on returning ran into the mine field.

number of British officers who were on the way to Africa.

Italy's decision for or against war is believed in Rome to be imminent. The Rome correspondent of the "Fat newspaper" telegraphs that to-day marks the expiration of the time limit fixed by Italy for presentation of proposals by Austria. It is generally understood that Austria has declined to make territorial concessions satisfactory to Italy and, according to this report, the German and Austrian Ambassadors at Rome are preparing to leave the country.

Greece also is endeavoring to arrive at a fixed policy in regard to the situation brought about by the war. A representative of King Constantine is on his way to Vienna and Berlin, probably on a political mission. No intimation has been given as to the purpose of the mission, although it is known that King Constantine, who is a brother-in-law of Emperor William, is opposed to war and has set himself against the party which favors intervention on the side of the allies.

GREY ANNOUNCES POLICY OF BRITAIN TOWARD CHINA

London, April 20, 3.55 P. M.—The preservation of the common interests of all the powers in China by the insurance of the independence and the integrity of the Chinese republic and the principle of equal opportunities for the commerce and industry of all nations in China was declared by Sir Edward Grey, Foreign Secretary, to be the policy of the British government in China. Sir Edward spoke in the House of Commons.

Washington, April 20.—Sir Edward Grey's announcement of the policy of Great Britain in China commanded deepest interest in official and diplomatic quarters here, where the negotiations between Japan and China have been followed with close attention. At every juncture administration officials have preserved the strictest silence as to the course of the United States, although it is known that this government has made some inquiries on the progress of the negotiations and has signified its interest in the preservation of the open-door and the integrity of China. On various occasions Secretary Bryan has conferred with the Japanese Ambassador and the Chinese Minister here.

OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 1471

Harrisburg Motor Club Officials Say Measure Will Double Expense of Registration Fees

Members of the Harrisburg Motor Club are urging all citizens interested in motoring, as well as all the citizens interested in the improvement and proper maintenance of good roads within the limits of this State to oppose in all fairness the passage of House Bill No. 1471.

This bill if passed, the club officials say, would practically double the expense of registration fees, which are now as high as in any other State in the Union, and tend to prevent the ownership, use and enjoyment of motor vehicles by people in moderate circumstances of life.

It is said the promoters of the bill are endeavoring to railroad it through before the people will have time and opportunity to express themselves. The club members, therefore, suggest that you get busy with your members of the Legislature at once and forward to them your protest against the passage of this bill.

The doctor, the merchant, the farmer, in fact people in every walk of life, are urged to join now and co-operate in objecting to the passage of the bill, for the need of men in moderate or ordinary walks of life will have to carry this proposed burden.

J. N. DEETER A BANKRUPT

Files Voluntary Petition and the Creditors Will Meet April 29

Word was received here this morning by John T. Olmsted, referee in bankruptcy, that J. N. Deeter, of this city, was yesterday adjudged a bankrupt by Federal Court Judge Charles B. Witmer, led to the discontinuance of the Dauphin county court action against which it was planned to examine Deeter and other judgment debtors as to their realty holdings.

The inquiry was decided upon after Sheriff Wells reported that he could find no property belonging to the defendants to meet an \$18,750 judgment held by former Judge E. W. Biddle, of Carlisle. One of the judgment debtors died shortly after the inquiry was decided upon and now Deeter has been adjudged a bankrupt.

The whole purpose of the Dauphin county court inquiry can be carried out, attorneys said, in Deeter's case through the bankruptcy proceedings. Deeter's creditors will meet in the office of Olmsted, as referee, on April 29, and elect a trustee to take charge of the bankrupt's estate, so it was announced by Deeter's counsel this morning.

Deeter voluntarily presented the petition in bankruptcy through his counsel, Senator E. E. Beidleman, Job J. Conklin and George R. Heisey. The amount of assets and liabilities was not made known.

PLAN UP-COUNTY LEAGUE

Baseball Fans of Four Towns Will Hold Conference Friday

Plans for the formation of an Upper Dauphin County Baseball League will be discussed at a meeting in Williamsport on Friday night, when representatives of ball clubs from Williamsport, Pottsville, Towler City and Lykens will confer. Rules will be adopted and probably the schedule of games prepared.

The Elizabethtown Athletic Association met last evening and elected the following to represent it at the Friday conference: C. G. McLaughlin, W. L. Stevenson, Bryant Stroup and A. W. Hoke.

Zembo to Visit Columbia To-night

The members of the band and patrol of Zembo Temple, with their wives and friends, will go to Columbia by special train leaving here at 6.40 o'clock this evening to give a concert, street parade and drill. This will be one of the annual entertainments given for the benefit of the ladies. It is expected that Harrisburg's delegation will number 200 and that an equally large crowd will represent Lancaster.

BETHELEM STEEL JUMPS 10 AND ROCK ISLAND LOSES 13

U. S. Steel Was Most Active Feature and With Reading Showed Greatest Weakness Among the Leaders in Stock Market To-day

(By Associated Press.) New York, April 20.—The reactionary trend which attended yesterday's latest local market dealings was again effective to-day, selling in large volume being renewed after an irregular opening. To what extent this may have reflected a change of market sentiment or a revival of operations for the decline was a matter of conjecture but the note of warning sounded by Chairman Gary at the meeting of the U. S. steel shareholders probably was the most potent factor.

Opening prices showed gains in excess of losses, but only in a few instances were gains above losses more than nominal. From this brief period of hesitation the list soon recovered. By 11 o'clock, however, offerings became so general as to easily overcome fresh buying.

U. S. steel was the most active feature and with Reading showed greatest weakness among the leaders, though holding slightly above losses. Negotiations of the preceding session. Rock Island also was very active at the decline amounting to 375,000 shares. Rock Island stock lost 13 points by early afternoon with severe declines in the bond issues.

Elsewhere the market was subject to shifting movement and conditions. Bethlehem steel was lifted ten points and a few other specialties were brought forward at higher prices. Leading issues continued to move variably and trading fell back to normal proportions.

LAWYERS FRAME AN ISSUE

Lay Plans for Settling Controversy Over Horse Deal

By agreement of counsel an issue was framed this morning with the hope of having a court jury settle a dispute that has arisen through a horse deal made by H. D. Koons and Simon Stein with M. L. Ludwig. Payment for the horse in question was not made because it is alleged the steed was not as represented. The jury is to determine what guarantee was given the purchaser by the sellers at the time of the sale.

Building Permits

The following building permits were issued this morning: W. D. Carroll, one-story brick garage, 705 North Second street, \$300; W. Krausford, one-story frame shed, 1321 North Fourth street, \$50; D. M. Rickett, two two-and-half-story frame houses, 2003-05 Derry street, \$2,400; John Hofer, one-story brick garage, River street, rear of 21 North Front, \$600.

Hospital Index Board

The cast iron frame box containing index board with the words, "Hospital" and "Front Street" marked thereon, which is to be placed on a light standard immediately opposite the Harrisburg hospital, has been received by Highway Commissioner William H. Lynch and will be set up within the next week.

Auto Truck Arrives

The auto truck to be used by the City Highway Department, especially after the asphalt plant is in operation, was delivered to the Highway Department to-day by the Harrisburg Auto Company.

I. W. Copelin Here

I. W. Copelin, of Toledo, O., brother of City Treasurer O. M. Copelin, arrived in Harrisburg to-day after spending several days in New York City, where he went following a brief trip in South America.

Marriage License

Marks Lewandowski, Lansing, Mich., and Kyjia Gluzki, city.

ALEX. ROBERTS' FUNERAL

Honorary Pallbearers Chosen From List of Intimate Friends

The funeral of Alexander Roberts, Harrisburg's oldest native resident, who died Sunday night at his home, 10 South Market square, will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from Market Square Presbyterian church. The Rev. Dr. William B. Cook will be in charge of the services, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Ellis N. Kremer, pastor of Reformed Salem church. Interment will be made in the Harrisburg cemetery.

The honorary pallbearers will be: Dr. Robert Moffit, Spencer C. Gilbert, Judge S. J. McCarroll, Charles W. Foster, Samuel W. Fleming, Edward Bailey, J. Henry Spicer, Mayor John K. Royal, Henry A. Kelker, Jr., George W. Reily, Joseph Montgomery and W. L. Gorgas.

MISS F. G. OSBORN ENGAGED

Prominent West End Girl to Marry Hugh P. Cox, June 10

Announcement of the engagement of Miss Florence Gustave Osborn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank F. Osborn, 275 Hamilton street, to Hugh P. Cox, was made known yesterday. The wedding will take place at the home of her parents, June 10.

Mr. Cox, whose home is in Philadelphia, is an employe of the motive power department of the Pennsylvania railroad and is well known in this city and Philadelphia.

Miss Osborn is well known in the central and upper sections of the city and is quite popular among the younger set.

Pardon Board Franks Last Hope

(By Associated Press.) Atlanta, Ga., April 20.—Attorneys for Leo M. Frank, sentenced to death for the murder of Mary Phagan, and whose habeas corpus case was decided adversely by the United States Supreme Court, announced to-day that no effort would be made to bring a rehearing before that tribunal. They said an application for executive clemency would be presented to the Georgia Prison Commission at an early date.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

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TWO-SIDED PROPOSITION

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Gasoline Versus Electricity — Not "Fits," but Thousands at Stake

Dear Sir— The promoters of a proposed corporation intended to operate gasoline-powered omnibuses for profit found it expedient to advertise their plan by applying to the State Public Service Commission for permission to ask for charter privilege. Nobody disputed their right to apply to the State for a charter. However, their peculiar method of advertising themselves has had the effect of attracting the notice of the State Legislature in a way that has caused some attention to be given in that body to an apparent necessity for legal regulation of so ambitious, not to say so bumptious, a newcomer in the field of corporate activity.

It has, hence, been proposed by some legislators to require these gasoline omnibus corporations to pay taxes at the same rate as the electrically-propelled carriages are obliged to pay to the proper local authorities in places in which the two different methods of vehicular propulsion come into competition. That is, in cities like Harrisburg, where the electric railways are heavily taxed (last year the Harrisburg Elgetric Railway Company paid up wards of twenty-four thousand dollars into the City Treasury, besides being obliged to keep in repair the part of every street occupied by its tracks) the gasoline omnibus corporation should also pay a proper local tax and should give bond to keep in repair the parts of streets used by it.

Of course, the laying of such a tax upon the gasoline corporation and the requirement to keep the parts of streets used by it in repair should be provided for by the proper city government, such legislation to apply only to corporations, not to individuals operating their own gasoline cars. Failing such provisions on the part of a city government which would permit the gasoline competitor of the electric railway to use the tracks of the latter, or in any way impede the operation of the electric cars, on the right to be given them by the city for a stipulated payment, would vitiate the contract made by the city with the electric company, and thus deprive the city treasury of the income it would continue to receive from the electric company under an unbroken contract. In the latter event the taxpayers of a city like Harrisburg would have to make up the deficit.

All interested, therefore, should commune on this subject with their representatives in the Legislature and prepare to elect a city government that can be relied upon to protect the city treasury. A Free Thinker.

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SAYS CITY CAN BUY FAR UNDER TAYLOR'S FIGURE

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er Taylor. Commissioner Bowman's contracts of several water pipe contracts were approved. Boston made application for appointment as dog catcher for 1915.

Ordinances passed finally included these: Paving of Cumberland street, Fourteenth to Fifteenth, and sewer in Boss street, Eighteenth street to eastern city line. The measure creating the office of real estate registrar was indefinitely postponed. The Commission expressed the belief that they, sitting as a Board of Revision of Taxes, can do that work.

Proposes to Lease Ball Field

An ordinance under which the Pennsylvania Exhibition Company, former promoters of the Harrisburg-Tri-State Baseball Club, may lease the baseball grounds on Hargett's Island for a period of two years at the rate of \$50 a year was offered by Mr. Bowman and passed first reading. The exhibition company is offering the right to self-rental the ground for athletic purposes provided the lease is first approved by the Public Safety Commissioner.

An ordinance vacating Reel street, between Reel's Lane and Mahantongo street, a highway dividing a plot on which it is proposed to erect a school building, was introduced and passed first reading.

Fire Chief Kinder's annual report which already has been printed, was submitted. He added a statement that he would prosecute all racing autoists who interfere with fire apparatus in responding to alarms.

Petitions of the Civic Club and individual Harrisburgers urging the passage of the curfew ordinance which now is on the City Commissioners' postponed calendar, were received and ordered filed. The Commissioners, at the suggestion of Mr. Bowman, directed the City Clerk to get copies of the curfew ordinances which are in operation in other third class cities. This data is to be on hand for the Commissioners' meeting next Tuesday.

More than 1,000 persons signed the petitions asking to have the curfew bill passed.

SUDDEN DEATH FOR COURT RAT

Animal That Has Annoyed Jurymen Is Dispatched by Alderman Bayles

The big sewer rat that for weeks had played hide and seek in No. 1 court room was put to death on Saturday evening while a jury was waiting to announce its decision in the damage suit of Emanuel Rheinbart against Alderman William J. Bayles.

Judge Charles W. Henry was at dinner when the jury returned and a quarter of an hour elapsed before he arrived and the jury announced it had decided in favor of the Alderman. The Lebanon Judge was presiding specially in the case.

The big rat, about eight inches long, appeared and Alderman Bayles snatched up a stick and joined court attaches in a chase. One blow killed the rodent and its carcass was taken from the court room as Judge Henry reopened the session.

Colonel Hutchison Improving

The condition of Colonel Joseph B. Hutchison, who underwent an operation at the Miners' Hospital, Ashland, Pa., Saturday, was reported to be improving rapidly. On a post card sent to Mayor Royal, the Colonel says he feels shaky on his first writing and sends his best wishes to all.

ROCK ISLAND IS FEATURE OF STOCK MARKET TO-DAY

An Initial Sale of 4,000 Shares at \$2 to \$1, Against Yesterday's Close of \$4—Then Falls 7 Points—Lehigh Valley Rising

(By Associated Press.) New York, April 20.—Wall Street.—Irregular tendencies were again operative at the opening of to-day's stock market, a natural result of yesterday's confusing close. Rock Island was the feature, with an initial sale of four thousand shares at \$2 to \$1, against yesterday's close of \$4.

Lehigh Valley was strongest of the railway issues, rising 3 points, with advances of 1 to 3 points in Coppers and some of the specialties, notably Mexican Petroleum. Later the entire list moved forward, contributing factor being the announcement of a further advance in metal prices.

Uncertainty prevailed throughout the morning session, the market making two distinct recoveries from early declines. Chairman Gary's statement to U. S. Steel stockholders was regarded as the keynote to existing speculative conditions. Rock Island rivalled Steel in activity declining seven points on receivership proceedings. Most of the early selling was traceable to the short interest. Declines in important stocks ran from 1 to 3 points, some specialties suffering more severely. By mid-day another recovery was in progress. A loss of 1 1/2 to 2 points in Rock Island issues was the feature of the bond list.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Table with columns for Stock Name, Open, and Close. Includes entries for Alaska Gold Mines, Amal Copper, Amer Beet Sugar, American Can, Am Car