

## 21 JITNEY 'BUS DRIVERS FORCED TO PAY \$5 EACH

### License Tax Collector "Discovers" City Law Which, He Holds, Imposes Yearly Fee

## POLICE HELP TO GET IN THE CASH

### Big Rush at the City Treasurer's Office This Morning By Drivers Who Hand Out Greenbacks For Triangular Tags

Look out, jitney! William D. Block, the license tax officer, is on your trail! For all he has the entire membership of the Harrisburg police department.

If you would escape from that combination betake yourself to the office of the City Treasurer at your first opportunity and pay a mercantile license tax fee of \$5.

Mr. Block is an energetic official who is eager to fill the coffers of the city treasury, and as the coppers look to that institution every time pay day comes around, Mr. Block wisely chose them to help shoo the jitney drivers to the little opening in the screen in the treasurer's office through which a \$5 bill must be pushed for a license receipt and a tag.

Quite a tag, too. A black triangle, six and a half inches on each side, with grey lettering as follows: "Auto license, 1915, Harrisburg, Pa."

Each tag, of course, contains a distinctive number also. The payment of this tax is the first jitney regulation ever enforced in Harrisburg, and was enforced this morning for the first time.

### New Jitney Restrictions

The police now are issuing orders to the jitneys to stay back a "reasonable" distance from the Fourth and Market street curb lines in front of the Metropolitan hotel, where the bus drivers have shown a tendency to assemble.

Police Captain Thompson said this morning that a new jitney city ordinance will have to be enacted if the number of jitney cars continues to increase. He said that unless this is done somebody will get hurt pretty soon in the jitney rush hours. He advocates a regulation requiring a bond to be filed to insure against damages by jitneys.

### What the Ordinance Says

The collection of the fee is being made in accordance with an ordinance, passed by the City Commissioners last January, before the Jitney craze started, and "discovered" by Collector Block to-day. It says in part: "All owners of drays, hacks, carriages, omnibuses, automobiles, carts, wagons and other vehicles used for hire or pay, shall pay for each vehicle an annual license as follows: One horse, two dollars; two horses or over, four dollars; automobiles, or other mechanically propelled vehicles, five dollars."

While the auto provision of this law heretofore had applied chiefly to owners of the three-dollars-an-hour autos for hire, it is now contended that it applies also to jitneys.

By noon, the hour for closing the office of City Treasurer Owen M. Copenly, who, by the way, is one of the chief backers of the proposed big jitney company recently chartered to operate in this city and Steelton, twenty-one jitney bus drivers, all of whom operate independently, had called for license tags, netting the city just \$105 in revenue. This license runs from April 1 to April 1.

## JOE CANNON'S TOWN IS "DRY"

### Danville (Ill.) City Council Votes Out Seventy-three Saloons

Danville, Ill., May 1.—Danville was voted dry by the city council in special meeting to-day for the first time in the history of the city. The council was called in special meeting at 8 o'clock this morning to act on the renewal of licenses of seventy-three saloons which expired at midnight last night.

The action of the council means that Danville will be without saloons for at least a year, until another expression of the people is had. At the recent township election the wets were victorious by more than 1,500 majority.

### Tener Detained in New York

Samuel C. Todd, executive controller last evening received a telegram from former Governor Tener saying that the latter would be unable to carry out his plans to visit his Harrisburg friends and play golf with Governor Brumbaugh at the Country Club this afternoon. Mr. Todd believes that Mr. Tener, who is president of the National League, was detained in New York on baseball business.

## TO DROP ALL-NIGHT CARS IF JITNEYS ARE ADEQUATE

### President Musser, of Harrisburg Railway Company, Talks Also of Curtailing the Second Street Trolley Service

If it is shown that the jitney buses can ultimately handle the all-night traffic, the Harrisburg Railway Company is ready to discontinue its after-midnight service on the North Third street line, according to an interview published to-day, with Frank B. Musser, president of the railway company, who was asked to discuss the probable effect of jitney bus competition with the street cars. Mr. Musser, while recognizing the jitney as a legitimate competition, expressed the opinion that jitney companies should pay taxes to the city, just as the trolley company does.

"We regard the jitney as a legitimate competitor," said Mr. Musser, "and in some ways it might be a benefit to us. For instance, if the jitneys by running at night would take over the small traffic of our all-night cars on the Third street line, we would be very grateful to them. The receipts from those half-hourly cars running after midnight do not pay the wages of the drivers."

## BRUMBAUGH'S FATHER SAYS 'MARTIN MUST MAKE GOOD'

### Parent, Here on a Visit, Unwilling to Express His Opinion of Son As a Governor Before the Term of Office Ends

Governor Brumbaugh's father, George B. Brumbaugh, and brother, Frank G., who reside near Huntingdon, arrived here last evening to be the Governor's guests at the Executive Mansion until Monday.

The Governor's father is in his 78th year, and this is the first visit to Harrisburg since the son was made Governor. For a long time the elder Brumbaugh was too ill to travel, but he is much better now.

The Governor this morning escorted his father and brother through the Capitol, the father expressing great delight over the beautiful building. When asked if he was not proud of his son and the honor done him through his election as Governor, the father said: "The time to be proud is at the end of his term. It is too early now to tell what Martin will accomplish as Governor. I will tell you how proud of him I am if he has 'made good' at the end of his term."

## SEILER GRADUATE GETS \$200 BRYN MAWR PRIZE

### Miss Helen Burn Zimmerman, of Eberly's Mills, Who Prepared in Harrisburg School, Captures a College Scholarship

(Special to the Star-Independent.) Philadelphia, May 1.—In the annual May Day awards of Bryn Mawr College scholarships, it was announced that a graduate of the Seiler School, of Harrisburg, was the successful competitor for a prize valued at \$200. She is Miss Helen Burn Zimmerman, daughter of Mrs. J. Markwood Peters, of Eberly's Mills, Cumberland county, who is now in the sophomore class of the College. Miss Zimmerman was graduated from the Seiler School in 1913. She took a high stand and was popular among her schoolmates in Harrisburg. Her's is one of the "special" undergraduate scholarships.

The award of scholarships, fellowships and prizes played a prominent part in the annual May Day celebration at Bryn Mawr. The twenty graduate scholarships are worth \$200 each and are usually awarded to unsuccessful candidates for fellowships. Of the twenty awarded to-day nine went to Pennsylvania girls, five of whom were Philadelphians. Another was Miss Alice Hill Byrne, of Lancaster, a graduate of Wellesley College, who got a graduate scholarship of \$200 for the year 1915-1916.

## FORGER, SEIZED IN 'JAY TOWN,' STARTS FOR PEN.

### Mercer's Parting Advice to His Pal, LeBrun, Is to 'Be Good!'—New York Crook Objects When Deputy Takes His Arm on Way to Station

"Good-bye, old boy! Be good, and I'll see you again when we can get together. So long!"

With that remark H. R. Mercer, the New York crook who got a penitentiary sentence of nine to fifteen months for a forgery scheme by which he and Fred LeBrun, a Frenchman, attempted to fleece Harrisburg banks out of \$2,000, to-day took leave of the Dauphin county prison and his "pal" and started for the Eastern penitentiary in Philadelphia. Mercer was accompanied by Deputy Sheriff William Hoffman. LeBrun is to stay here to serve a jail sentence.

Wayne Kantner, the Harrisburger who fired his own home so as to get insurance money with which to pay his debts and who got a pen term of

## HUNDREDS WEIGH ON CITY SCALES IN FIRST TRYOUT

### Housewives Prompt to Test Devices Designed to Prevent Fraud in the Markets

## NO COMPLAINTS OF CHEATING

### By Noon of First Day For Municipal Weighing Machines There Had Been No Cases of Short Weight Reported.

The new municipal scales, installed by the city in three market houses to safeguard buyers against short weight frauds, were used by the public for the first time this morning. They are set up in the Verbeke street, Chestnut street and Hill market houses and were extensively used both by persons selling and persons buying. Not only were the farmers busy checking up to see that weights came up to the city standard but many a housewife stopped to weigh butter, meat, lard, chickens and other things sold by the pound, to ascertain if she had gotten full weight. Harry D. Reel, City Sealer of Weights and Measures, visited all the markets and said he found the people using the scales to a large extent. He said, however, before attempting to ascertain if she had gotten full weight, he had to see that the scales were more or less correct about it.

### Chickens Weighed Too Much

While Sealer Reel was at the Verbeke street market a buyer sought to verify the weight of some poultry he had purchased from one of the farmers. This same person, Reel said, a week ago complained that short weight had been given to him in a chicken deal, but the farmer had subsequently made restitution for a five-ounce shortage.

When his poultry purchase was placed on the official scales this morning the buyer took mental account of the weight, but indicated no comment. He hesitated, however, before attempting to remove the chickens from the scales and this excited the curiosity of the Sealer.

"Now what's your trouble?" asked Reel. "Short again?"

"Oh, nothing. No, not exactly," the man replied in a rather confused tone. "Didn't you get all that belongs to you?" again queried the Sealer.

"Yes," said the man rather dryly. "I've got no kick coming."

"But let me know about it," insisted Reel.

"Well, if you must know, the farmer gave me fifteen ounces more than I paid for. He said he would give me good weight this time. That's all."

Immediately the man departed with

## HOFFMAN'S WOODS PLAN FAILS

### Owners Unwilling to Sell Small Plot to City for a Playground Site

The local agent of the owners of Hoffman's Woods, just north of the City limits, who, at the request of Mayor Royal, sought to effect negotiations whereby the City could obtain a small part of the woods for less than \$4,000 an acre for the proposed uptown playground, to-day received word from the owners. The contents of this communication the agent declined to divulge, but it is understood the City's offer has been rejected on the ground that the owners do not desire to dispose of the ground in such small sections as three or four acres.

A majority of the City Commissioners to-day said they will vote favorably on Park Commissioner M. Harvey Taylor's ordinance, which will come up for final passage at the Tuesday meeting of the City Commissioners, providing for the purchase of a site at Fifth and Emerald streets.

This plot constitutes about an acre and a half, for which the ordinance provides the City shall pay \$14,700 or approximately \$9,000 an acre. This ground had been selected as the site for the Polytechnic Hospital.

## WORK AGAIN ON POSTOFFICE

### Sub-Contractors Are Going Ahead With Stone Structure After Delay

The United States Treasury Department, engaged in superintending the building of the addition to the Harrisburg postoffice, has directed Pennock & Co., the contractors, through their bondsmen, acting as receivers, to finish the stone work. In turn Pennock & Co. have directed Brown & Co., the sub-contractors for the stone work, to proceed and work is now in progress, having been resumed yesterday morning.

## 'ANGEL' PROMISES TO HUNT FOR A HARRISBURG GIRL

### Miss Livingston, Social Worker of Chinatown, Tells Audience Here That She Will Help Mother Find Daughter Who Recently Disappeared

There is a mother right here in Harrisburg whose heart is breaking with anxiety as to the fate of a daughter who was lured from her home in this city within the last few weeks and who has disappeared so completely that no trace of her has been found. This mother heard Rose Livingston, the "Angel of Chinatown," tell yesterday afternoon in the Technical High school of her work in rescuing girls from white slavery. She went to Miss Livingston at the close of the meeting and begged her to try to find her daughter and bring her back to her. She gave the rescue worker a picture and a description of the girl and told her all she knew of the facts of her disappearance.

Miss Livingston told of this plea at her evening meeting. She promised the big audience of men and women of Harrisburg, as she had promised the bereft mother, that she would start searching for the girl as soon as she got back to New York on Monday morning. She said that the girl, of course, might not be anywhere near New York, but that she has friends in the underworld in all parts of the country and that she will send the description of the girl to all of them and ask their help.

Miss Livingston pleaded for the enfranchisement of women, so that they might protect their daughters and save their "little lost sisters" by stricter, better laws. The afternoon meeting was for women only.

Mrs. Ethel Vorse, of Ohio, also spoke for the suffrage cause. Her picturesque personality and her speech in the dialect of New York's East Side interested her hearers.

## TAKE OVER BIG PIANO PLANT

### Sigler Company Increases Board of Directors by Two Members—To Have Open House

The Sigler Piano Company to-day took over its building at Seventeenth near Derry street from the contractor, Joseph W. Pomraning. The building, including the cost of the site and equipment of the factory, represents an investment of \$100,000, which is all Harrisburg capital.

The board of directors of the company was increased by two members, William R. Graupner and Harry B. Bair. The others of the company are: C. M. Sigler, president; Charles E. Bard, vice president, and John W. Thompson, secretary and treasurer. Charles C. Stroh has been made attorney for the company and John W. Shumberger auditor.

The company is arranging for a public housewarming to be held soon. In addition to manufacturing piano movements to be installed in any kind of piano, the company is turning out a movement to be sold to manufacturers for installation in new pianos. Mr. Sigler is arranging demonstrations in Chicago, New York and Boston. Agencies have been established in all of the principal cities in the east and one in Spokane, Wash. The company at present has thirty-five employees.

## AGED MAIL CARRIER DIES

### Andrew Nelson Lukens, Civil War Veteran, Succumbed Last Night

Andrew Nelson Lukens, a retired letter carrier of Harrisburg and a Civil war veteran, died last night at his home, 302 Reily street, after a short illness, aged 79 years. During the war he served as a private in Company F, 201st regiment, and Company H, 4th regiment, Pennsylvania volunteer infantry. He was a member of Post No. 58, G. A. R. Surviving him is one son.

Funeral services will be held at his late home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in charge of Post No. 58. Interment will be in the Harrisburg cemetery.

## STEEL MEN TO DECORATE GRAVE OF MAJOR BENT

### Announced To-day That Surplus Flower Fund Will Be Devoted to Purchase of Emblem to Be Placed in Cemetery on Memorial Day

A fund raised by small subscriptions among old employees of the Pennsylvania Steel Company who worked under Major L. S. Bent when he was, years ago, superintendent of the Steelton plant, reached such large proportions that only about half the amount raised was used in the purchase of floral emblems at the time of the funeral held at the Major's home in Overbrook about two weeks ago. The committee in charge of this surplus fund has decided to purchase a handsome floral design to be placed on the grave on Memorial Day with the balance.

Major L. S. Bent was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in Massachusetts as a private, and was repeatedly promoted for bravery. The following announcement was made at the local office of the steel company to-day: "Special acknowledgment has been received from the family of the late Major L. S. Bent in connection with the flowers which were sent by the employees of the Pennsylvania Steel Company. Although the Major had been out of touch with the men for twenty years, the esteem in which he was held was evidenced by the spontaneous desire of the men to join in some expression of their feelings. Although the amount of each individual subscription was limited by the committee in charge, the sum raised was far in excess of the expectations, and an additional floral tribute to be placed on Major Bent's grave on Decoration Day, will be purchased with the remaining funds."

## INHERITS BRITISH HERO'S FORTUNE



MRS. PHYLLIS LANGHORNE BROOKS.

New York, May 1.—Mrs. Phyllis Langhorne Brooks, of Greenwood, Va., has inherited \$200,000, nearly all the estate of Captain George Henry Douglas Tennant of the Grenadier Guards, who was killed in action last March. The will was drawn in October, 1914. Mrs. Phyllis Langhorne Brooks, one of the noted "Langhorne beauties," is now in London assisting Mrs. Waldorf Astor, a sister, in nursing wounded British soldiers. In December, 1914, Mrs. Brooks was granted a divorce in the Albemarle, Va., Supreme Court from Reginald Brooks, a New York clubman. She charged desertion and the action went undefended.

## WANT PROBE FOR N. Y. PRESBYTERY

### Violating Presbyterian Regulations Charge Made Against Greater City Members

## ALSO DISOBEY SUPREME BODY

### Complain That 21 Students of Union Seminary Have Been Admitted to the Ministry Through the New York Presbytery Under Protest

New York, May 1.—The Presbyterian General Assembly, which meets at Rochester, N. Y., in three weeks, will have before it a request that a committee be sent here to investigate the New York Presbytery. This request is part of a protest bearing the signature of the Rev. Dr. John Fox, of this city, a director and trustee of Princeton Theological Seminary, and of three other clergymen, which it was learned to-day has been circulated among Presbyterian leaders throughout the country.

The protestants charge that the New York Presbytery is violating Presbyterian regulations, that it is dominated by the Union Theological Seminary and that it disobeys the orders of the Supreme Presbyterian body. The signers complained that twenty-one students of Union Seminary have been admitted to the Presbyterian ministry through the New York Presbytery under protest. They ask: "Is it not an intolerable scandal? Has not the time come for the General Assembly to visit the New York Presbytery officially and inquire what is its practice in licensing and ordaining candidates for the ministry?"

A reply to this protest, in which the charges were denounced as unjust, has been prepared. It was signed by the Rev. Dr. John R. Mackay, pastor of the North church of this city, and by other New York clergymen.

## ATTEMPT TO KILL OFFICER

### Reformatory Inmates Struck L. R. Poorman With Hammer and Pipe

Huntingdon, May 1.—The life of an officer in the State reformatory here yesterday was threatened when two unruly inmates attacked him with a lead pipe and hammer. Had it not been for the intervention of other inmates, they would have succeeded in their purpose.

A gang of inmates in charge of John Bell and Officer L. R. Poorman were working in the brick shop, when Bell had occasion to leave. The officer had his back turned, when one of the assailants struck him with the pipe, stunning him for an instant. The other then struck him on the head with a hammer, lacerating his scalp.

## 300 IN PANIC WHEN WAVE HITS VESSEL

### Steamer Harvard Badly Damaged in Storm and Puts Back to San Pedro Port

## STATEROOMS ARE PARTLY FLOODED

### Tons of Water Flow Through Gap Made by Giant Wave That Strikes the Second Deck—Safety of Other Vessels Causes Alarm

San Francisco, May 1.—Three hundred passengers on the steamer Harvard, en route from San Pedro to San Francisco, whose lives were in danger when the vessel was struck by a giant wave that badly damaged the second deck, were congratulating themselves to-day on their safe return to port. Tons of water flowed through the gap opened by the wave and staterooms were partially flooded. The passengers were thrown into a panic and the Harvard was forced to put back to San Pedro.

Several vessels due to arrive yesterday had not put in an appearance early to-day, having been driven far out to sea by the storm of the last three days. Fears are entertained for the safety of the Norwegian steel ship Aggi. The

## EXTENSIVE MOBILIZING NOW IN FORCE IN EUROPEAN TURKEY

London, May 1, 4.43 A. M.—"Extensive mobilization arrangements were put in force throughout European Turkey to-day owing undoubtedly to the operations of the allies in the gulf of Saros," says the "Times." Sofia correspondent, telegraphing Thursday.

"All the remaining available men," the correspondent adds, "including even the newly arrived refugees, have been summoned to the colors. A great concentration of troops is taking place at Keshan (26 miles north of Gallipoli) and heavy guns also have been sent southward. It seems doubtful, however, whether arms and ammunition can be provided for the new levies."

## CHINESE REFUSE JAP DEMANDS

Pekin, May 1.—The Chinese government has definitely refused some of the most important demands made by Japan. On learning of China's decision the Japanese minister, Eki Hioki, said to the Chinese foreign minister, Lu Cheng-Hsiang: "I am sorry. I believe my government will be disappointed."

## U. S. STEAMER DAMAGED BY BOMBS

Washington, May 1.—American Minister Vanduyke at The Hague, reported to the State Department to-day that the American steamer Cushing from Philadelphia for Rotterdam, was damaged by bombs dropped from German aircraft in the North Sea, but that no lives were lost.

## CUTTING OFF TURKS FROM MAIN ARMY

### Troops in Gallipoli Peninsula Being Gradually Isolated From the Rest of the Forces

## CAN'T PASS FROM SHORE TO SHORE

### The French Senegalese Troops Occupy Yeni Shehr, on the Asiatic Coast, While Nechoi and Nagara Are Being Violently Bomarded

Paris, May 1, 4.35 A. M.—The Gallipoli peninsula gradually is being cut off from the rest of Turkish Thrace, says the Athens correspondent of the Havas agency in a dispatch dated yesterday. It now is said to be impossible for the Turks to pass from one shore to the other. Their main forces are between Gallipoli and Maidos.

French Senegalese troops are reported to be conducting themselves with the utmost valor on the Asiatic coast. They have occupied Yeni Shehr while Nechoi and Nagara are being violently bombarded.

## ALLIES SHIPS REPORTED DAMAGED BY THE TURKS; MANY OF FORMER KILLED

Berlin, May 1.—By Wireless to Sayville.—Included in the news items given out to-day by the Overseas News Agency is the following dispatch dated Constantinople:

"The French soldiers who landed on the Asiatic side of the Dardanelles all have been expelled. The Gallipoli peninsula also has been cleared of the invaders except at Guba Tepeh point, where the landing detachments under cover of the guns of the warships, is tenaciously maintaining its position on the coast.

"A terrific bombardment by the allied fleet April 27-28 killed or wounded a few Turkish officers and soldiers, while the allies lost several thousand in dead and wounded.

"In addition to the French armored cruiser Jeanne D'Arc, the British battleships Majestic, Triumph and Vengeance were partly set on fire. Aided by tenders, they slowly returned to the island of Tenados. They were severely damaged. Several transports and destroyers also were sunk."

## RUSSIAN STEAMER SUNK BY GERMANS; THE CREW SAVED

London, May 1, 3.23 P. M.—The Russian 2,000 ton steamer Svorono, bearing Welsh coal to Archangel, a Russian port on the White Sea, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine believed to be the U-23 on Friday at noon near the Blasket Islands, on the West Coast of Ireland.

The Svorono's crew of 24 men, mostly Russians, barely had time to take to the boats when the vessel sank. All were rescued by a patrol boat.

### Calling Out the Swiss Army

Berne, Switzerland, May 1, Via Paris, 4.55 P. M.—The federal council to-day decided to call out the Sixth division of the Swiss army.

## LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The Gallipoli peninsula, which forms the European side of the Dardanelles, is described in unofficial dispatches as being gradually cut off from the mainland by the British and French forces. It is said to be no longer possible for the Turks to pass back and forth between the European and Asiatic sides of the strait. Their main forces are reported to be between the town of Gallipoli, at the further end of the straits and Maidos which lies on the straits about two-thirds of the way down the peninsula.

Official advices have not made clear the extent of the operations of the British and French forces. A British statement of last night gave the impression that the fighting had been