



OPPERMAN AWARD AND COSTS EXCEED SUM HE CLAIMED

Added to \$22,767 For
Contractor is \$4,500
in Fees for the Arbitrators

WITNESSES, TOO MUST BE PAID

City Officials Say Some of Those Who
Gave Expert Testimony Charged
\$50 a Day—Stenographer's Service
Also Help Swell the Expense

While the arbitrators' award to W. H. Opperman for extra work in connection with his contract to build the river front intercepting sewer was \$22,767.09, as forecasted in the Star-Independent yesterday and officially announced to the City Commissioners to-day, the actual expense to be borne by the city, including the amount of the award, officials figured out this afternoon will positively exceed the claim of \$20,000 which Opperman presented originally.

Moreover, it was learned to-day, Opperman had come down from his original claim to \$25,000 which he said he would accept, and later to \$16,000. This was asserted by Commissioner Lynch at the City Commission's meeting this afternoon.

The old Council waived the right to appeal from the arbitrators' decision and the city, therefore, could not now appeal should it desire to do so.

The arbitrators were Joseph L. Shearer, Jr., Farley Gannett and Roy G. Cox. Accompanying their decision were bills for services of the arbitrators, each one of whom presented a claim for \$1,500 or a total of \$4,500.

Those fees and the amount of the award bring the total liability up to \$27,267.09, but that does not include the fees of the stenographer who took the notes of testimony nor does it carry the bills of the witnesses who testified for the city and the contractor. City officials said that a few of the witnesses charged fees at the rate of \$50 a day, to give "expert testimony."

In compiling the approximate bill of costs from rough estimates, it was figured by city officials, that the stenographer's bill will run close to \$1,500. That would bring the total up to \$28,767.09, leaving a margin of \$1,232.91 between that total and the \$30,000 originally claimed by Opperman. When an official was asked if the \$1,232.91 would pay the witnesses' bill the reply to the reporter's inquiry was:

"You can say that the total costs and the amount of the award will equal if not exceed \$30,000."

Engineers in the office of the Board of Public Works have estimated that the balance in the \$316,000 intercepting sewer loan, after the protective wall is paid for, not including extras, will run in the neighborhood of \$12,000. That \$12,000, city officials declare, is all that now is available for paying the Opperman award and the costs incurred by the arbitration plan.

The \$22,767 award and the costs of arbitration leave a deficit rather than a balance in the intercepting sewer loan fund, and consequently there will be no money with which to close the gap in the river front wall at Market street, which it was planned to pay for out of this fund.

Action on Report Deferred
Individual City Commissioners in their meeting this afternoon expressed amazement at the size of the award allowed the sewer contractor and a hurried search was made for the old councilman resolution passed on October 1, 1913. It provides not only that the sewer dispute be submitted to a board of arbitration but that no appeal can be taken from the arbitrators' decision.

"The arbitrators have awarded Opperman approximately eighty-five per cent of his claim," said Commissioner Lynch.

"Holy Moses. The worst is yet to come," commented Mayor Royal when advised the arbitrators ask \$1,500 each as fees, that the stenographer's bill will be \$1,500 and that the whole proceeding will cost the city more than \$30,000.

"Who is responsible for all this?" "Why was this matter acted upon in this manner?" and many more questions were asked among the Commissioners before it was decided to defer for one week action upon the arbitrators' report. The Commissioners unanimously agreed to call in City Solicitor Seitz and the Board of Public Works for information and advice on the subject.

The only satisfaction the Commissioners got from the whole matter, they said, was the fact that the arbitration plan was ordered by a former board of councilmen. The arbitrators were appointed on October 18, 1913, before Harrisburg had the commission form of government.

AGREE TO PASS CIVIL SERVICE

Legislative Leaders
Will Put Through
Bill Relating to Third
Class Cities

IT WILL ACT AS A "RIPPER"

Its Adoption Will Mean That Two Sergeants and Ten Patrolmen in Harrisburg Must Pass Examinations in Order to Retain Their Present Jobs

The Walton bill proposing civil service in police, fire, electrical and engineering departments in third class cities, applying to salaried officers in those departments only, will pass both branches of the General Assembly as amended in the House early this morning and go to Governor Brumbaugh for approval, according to an agreement reached between legislative leaders.

The bill previously, after having passed both branches, went to the Governor and then was recalled by its sponsor, Mr. Walton, of Lawrence county, according to an agreement with Lieutenant Governor McClain and other Lancaster members who desired that it should be made not to apply to Lancaster which is operating under a separate charter.

The amendments which were proposed early this morning could not be inserted in the bill and printed for the use of the members in time for action in the House to-day and the bill therefore postponed until the printer can have time to reprint it.

Lancaster's objection was a just one, according to Mr. Walton, as Lancaster is a third class city in point of population and not in point of legislation for it has never accepted the third class city classification proposed in

WILL FILL THE PUBLIC SERVICE JOBS TO-MORROW

Governor Still in Doubt as to One Commissioner—Most of the Other
Officeholders Whose Names Were
Withdrawn Will Be Reappointed

Senators who conferred with Governor Brumbaugh to-day said that they were given to understand that there will be three changes in the personnel of the Public Service Commission when announced to-morrow—the retiring members being F. M. Wallace, Eric Emory L. Johnson, Philadelphia, and Walter H. Gaither, Pittsburgh.

No names are certain as to who will be their successors, but John S. Rilling, of Erie, may succeed Wallace, and Emerson Collins, of Williamsport, is spoken of as Mr. Gaither's successor. The successor to Professor Johnson is not named in the rumors.

It was stated at the Executive Department this morning that no appointments of members of the Public Service Commission will be sent to the Senate by Governor Brumbaugh until to-morrow and an intimation was given that the Governor is still in doubt on at least one of the appointments and is waiting to hear from the person to whom has been tendered one of the \$10,000 jobs.

Along with the more important appointments to be sent in to-morrow will be those to succeed those persons recalled last night, and it is said there will be few changes and those chiefly to fill vacancies that have occurred since the names were sent in by Governor Tamm. These include the various commissions, hospital boards, trustees of State institutions and associations.

**Senator's Wife in Peril
AS PART OF BRACKET FALLS**

Five-Pound Bronze Acorn Crashes Into
Senate Chamber During Session
and Misses Mrs. Charles E. Mills
Only By a Few Inches

One of the heavy bronze acorns forming the bottom of a massive side bracket in the Senate chamber became detached during the session of the Senate last night and fell with a crash, striking the marble wainscoting which projects a few inches from the wall and breaking off a large fragment of marble.

Mrs. Charles E. Mills, wife of Senator Mills, of Athens, Bradford county, was sitting at the end of a lounge beneath the bracket when the acorn fell and narrowly escaped being struck. The five-pound acorn missed her head by only a few inches.

The ornament had become detached by constant use of it by pages in getting a hand-hold in moving from window to window in opening the blinds. The fall made a loud report that startled the lawmakers and spectators. Mrs. Mills however, seemed little concerned about the incident.

RUNAWAY GIRL IS FOUND BY TEACHER

Sixteen-Year-Old Mary
Louden, Who Disappeared
Last September, Is Brought Home

SHE HOARDED \$50 DURING ABSENCE

Justice of the Peace A. L. Brubaker,
Schoolmaster of the Fugitive,
Learns She Is On Farm in Ohio and
Returns Her to Her Parents

After an absence from her home of eight months, during which her family knew nothing of her whereabouts, 16-year-old Mary Louden, daughter of Alfred J. Louden, who lives on a farm near Mechanicsburg, was yesterday morning returned to her parents by her former school teacher, A. L. Brubaker. Through some means which he has not revealed, Mr. Brubaker, who is a justice of the peace, and a neighbor and intimate friend of the girl's parents, learned of the runaway's whereabouts and then went and persuaded her to return home. He found her employed on a farm near Oberlin, Ohio, twenty-five miles from Cleveland.

During the eight months from the time she ran away from her home until she returned yesterday, Mary worked industriously and practiced strict economy, for out of salaries of \$2 and \$2.50 a week she saved a total of fifty dollars. She returned home with this amount of money and the same clothes she had when she ran away, having bought no new garments throughout the period.

It was on September 16 last, that Mary suddenly disappeared from her home on a farm in Silver Spring township, several miles from Mechanicsburg. She took with her a pink dress, a green dress with black trimmings and a light crowned hat. These were still in the trunk in her wardrobe on her return yesterday.

According to her account, Mary went into Ohio, as far as her funds would permit, and got employment on farms in the vicinity of Oberlin, where she was found a few days ago. Her wages were two dollars to two and a half a week, with board and lodging, and she hoarded practically all the money she received.

During her absence, the girl seems to have had no desire to return home, for she kept her whereabouts from her parents. They, however, had not given up hopes of finding her and were constantly looking for some word concerning her. When Justice of the Peace Brubaker learned where the girl was living, by means of investigations which he carried on his own account, he promptly wrote there and confronted her. The girl evidently surprised at seeing her school teacher, but after some persuasion agreed to accompany him to her home.

On her return, she expressed neither delight nor regret, and would give no account of her motives in attempting to shift for herself. Her parents were overjoyed to see her again, as were her sister and two brothers.

BIG ADDED EXPENSE TO THIS COUNTY IF STATE PRISONS UNITE

It is figured out that the consolidation of the Eastern and Western penitentiaries at the Centre county institution which is now being constructed, the bill for which passed the Senate last night, will mean a good deal more in the way of expenditures for Dauphin county for the maintenance of her prisoners than is paid now.

The per capita wage per day for maintenance in the Eastern penitentiary, where the Dauphin county convicts are sent, was 19 cents in 1914, while it was 39 cents in the Western penitentiary. In 1914 Dauphin county committed 42 prisoners to the Eastern penitentiary and these 42 cost the county at the rate of \$2,912.70. The county paid for a year \$2,912.70. These same prisoners for a year, under the Western penitentiary charge of 39 cents a day, would have cost \$5,978.70, or \$3,066 more than in the Eastern penitentiary.

These figures apply only to those prisoners committed from Dauphin county in 1914, but there are also a number of prisoners there committed from Dauphin county prior to 1914, and the ratio of increase of cost for them would be the same.

A number of Senators who voted for the consolidation bill last night obtained reports of the two institutions for 1914 this morning and did some figuring, much to their astonishment. It is said that an effort will be made to have Governor Brumbaugh veto the bill.

PART OF U. S. ARMY HERE

About Six Hundred Members Arrive in
Wormleysburg This Afternoon

Upward of five or six hundred members of the First division of the United States army, comprising the Second and Third Field Artillery No. 6, field hospital corps and No. 6 ambulance corps from the Walter Reed hospital, arrived in Wormleysburg this afternoon where they will camp for the night.

GERMANY'S REPLY STILL WITHHELD

No Indication From
Ambassador Gerard
When Answer Will
be Formulated

FOREIGN RUMOR CONCERNING IT

Amsterdam Correspondent Says Ger-
many's Note Will Be Sent Thurs-
day, in Which It Is Said England
Will Be Blamed for the Disaster

Washington, May 18.—Ambassador Gerard has transmitted no indication from the German Foreign Office as to when a reply to the American note may be expected. Secretary Bryan said to-day nothing "of any importance" had been received from the Ambassador and that the State Department was without advice as to when the reply would be sent.

As to the United States seeking a safe conduct for Dr. Bernhard Dernburg when he leaves the country, Secretary Bryan said: "We have no official knowledge of Dr. Dernburg," and refused to discuss the question further.

Mr. Bryan also refused to discuss whether the administration was considering making further representations to Great Britain over delays to American commerce.

Only One Torpedo Hit Lusitania?
Paris, May 18.—Germany's reply to the American note on the sinking of the Lusitania will be sent Thursday, according to the "Matin's" Amsterdam correspondent, who says he is informed it will justify the attack on the steamer on the ground that the submarine commander has affirmed in his report that only one torpedo was fired which convinces him that the second explosion was due to the fact that the ship carried munitions of war. The report is said to state that the torpedo was fired in such a way the Lusitania would not have sunk if she had not had explosives aboard.

The "Matin's" correspondent says it is reported in Amsterdam that Germany will throw the responsibility for the disaster on England and on the American authorities who permitted passengers to embark on a ship carrying

**MOTHER SAVES BABY AS
FLAMES WRECK HER HOME**

Hope Company's Engine Sees Actual
Service for First Time Since It Has
Been Equipped With Tractor at
Lively Blaze in the East End

Fire starting at noon to-day destroyed the frame dwelling of George Stark, Twenty-first and Paxton streets, resulting in a loss of about \$2,000. Most of the furniture was lost. The loss is covered by insurance.

Mr. Stark, a carpenter, was going home for dinner when he noticed smoke and flames bursting from the north side of his house. He rushed in and saw the interior was already in flames. His wife, who was in the cellar at the time, knew nothing of the fire, but on being told rushed up the stairs and rescued her 6-month-old baby which was sleeping in the parlor.

The origin of the fire is not known positively, but it is believed the flames started from an overheated stove. The house was built four years ago by Mr. Stark and is located about 150 feet from any of the nearby houses.

While removing some of the furniture from the house Mr. Stark laid his coat on a chair for a few minutes. When he put it on his back again he reached for his pocketbook and, he says, found

FIND SMALL PROFITS IN RUNNING JITNEY BUSES

Drivers Admit There Is Little If Any
Gain in Present State of Keen Competition. When Cost of Fuel and
Wear and Tear Are Considered

According to estimates based on data obtained from a large number of the owners of the 135 "jitney" autos that are licensed to operate on Harrisburg's streets, the combined daily receipts from that kind of travel run anywhere from \$700 to \$1,000. The revenues only slightly overbalance the expenses of fuel and so forth, but, as many automobiles literally are being racked to pieces, there is little if any profit in the operation of the cars at a 5-cent fare when deductions are made for wear and tear.

A few of the licensed "jitney" operators have become discouraged as a result of the keen competition and have quit the business either because their work was found to be more profitable or because they have found the "hauling" is both nerve-racking and disastrous to the machines. Yet others are confident that the business is going to be a permanent paying proposition and, even at this late day, many are entering the field of competition for nickels.

The total number of jitney licenses issued at the City Treasury at the close of business yesterday was 135, but

ENGAGED COUPLE AT THE RACES



MISS MARY L. DUKE AND HER FIANCE MR. A. J. DREXEL BIDDLE JR.

Here is a snapshot of Miss Mary L. Duke and her fiancé, Mr. Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, Jr., taken at the United Hunts racing meet at Belmont Park, Long Island. The couple will be married next month.

FINAL ACTION BY ITALY DEFERRED

Parliament Will be
Asked Thursday to
Confer Plenary Powers
on Government

DECISION ON WAR THEN EXPECTED

Alarmist Rumors of All Kinds Being
Circulated in Rome—Report That
Prince Von Buelow, German
Ambassador, Left City Secretly

Rome, May 17, via Paris, May 18.—The Italian Parliament will be asked Thursday to vote on a bill containing a single clause conferring plenary powers on the government, according to the "Giornale D'Italia." Final action regarding war is not expected until after that time unless Austria makes the first move which is considered unlikely in view of the pacific speeches made in the Hungarian Diet.

Situation in Rome Tense
Alarmist rumors of all kinds are being circulated in Rome and the situation is so tense there are many who believe them all. One report to-day was to the effect that Prince Von Buelow, the German ambassador, already had left the city secretly. It was unfounded although a special train is kept in readiness to carry him to Switzerland if a break comes. Another special stands ready to speed for the Austrian frontier with Baron Von Nacchio, the Austrian ambassador and his staff.

The Cabinet council to-day was one of the longest on record. At its close brief communication was issued stating that the ministers discussed the statement to be made before Parliament.

King Victor Emmanuel spent the day in granting audiences to government officials and in the consideration of military and political quarters.

Preparing for Eventualities
The general staff continued with feverish activity its preparations for eventualities.

There were further demonstrations of rejoicing throughout Italy at the solution of the ministerial crisis. In Rome a great crowd climbed the Capitoline Hill to listen to a fiery address

Commander Italian Cabinet Autos
Rome, May 18, 11.10 P. M., Via Paris, 4 P. M.—The automobiles of every member of the cabinet, with the exception of Premier Salandra, were commandeered to-day by the army authorities.

TRIEST IN STATE OF SIEGE; 50 KILLED IN SUNDAY RIOT

Rome, May 18, Via Paris—Dispatches from Trieste confirm previous reports that a revolutionary movement is in progress there. The town is in a state of siege. The presence of the military, however, has failed to prevent attempts at popular uprisings and demonstrations of hostility to Emperor Francis Joseph.

Rome, May 17, Via Paris, May 18.—Dispatches from Trieste telegraphed from the frontier to the "Idée Nazionale" state that the number killed in the rioting of yesterday (Sunday) was about fifty. The Austrian authorities had three cannon trained on the town from the height of Opicina and also threaten to have the city bombarded by warships. A renewal of the revolutionary outbreak has been impossible because of strong forces of troops occupy the city.

ENGLAND WANTS 300,000 MORE RECRUITS FOR ARMY

London, May 18, 5.06 P. M.—In the House of Lords this afternoon Secretary of War Kitchener said he wanted 300,000 more recruits to form new armies.

He expressed his confidence that in the very near future the country would be in a satisfactory position with regard to the supply of ammunition.

The news from the Gallipoli peninsula, in other words the Dardanelles, was thoroughly satisfactory, Earl Kitchener declared.

PREMIER CHAGAS IMPROVES AFTER BEING SHOT ON TRAIN

Lisbon, Via Paris, May 18.—Improvement is shown in the condition of Joao Chagas, new Premier of the Cabinet, who was shot and dangerously wounded while on board a train. Examination showed that a bullet entered the forehead and came out near the right parietal bone. It is feared Senator Chagas may lose the sight of his right eye.

Lisbon has again resumed its normal appearance, except that no street cars are running. Business is being conducted as usual.

Madrid, May 18, Via Paris.—A dispatch from Lisbon, filed late last night, says order has been re-established there. Senator Chagas, although seriously wounded, has improved somewhat and was able to talk with political associates.

Heavy Snow in Wisconsin
Appleton, Wis., May 18.—One of the heaviest snow storms of the season prevailed last night.

AUSTRIANS ARE ROUTED IN BUKOWINA

Reported to Have Aban-
doned 20,000 Pris-
oners in Their Flight
From Russians

LATTER OCCUPY CZERNOWITZ

Remnants of the Austrian Army Now
Retreating in the Direction of Pruth
Are Said to Be in Grave Danger of
Disaster

London, May 18.—The Austrian defeat in Bukovina was of such vast proportions as to more than offset the victory gained by the Teutonic allies in West Galicia, according to a Russian official statement contained in a dispatch from Petrograd to the Reuter Telegram Company.

The Austrians are reported to have abandoned 20,000 prisoners in their flight and important positions organized on a front of 140 versts (93 miles). The Russians claim to have occupied Czernowitz and that the remnants of the Austrian army retreating in the direction of the Pruth are in danger of disaster. The Reuter dispatch says:

Abandoned Important Positions
"The Russian official statement describes the Austrian debacle in Bukovina as of such vast importance as to render nugatory their ephemeral success in West Galicia. The latest particulars represent that the entire region between the Dniester and the Pruth is in Russian hands as the result of the brilliant victory, while the Austrians, utterly defeated, are in disorderly flight. They have abandoned 20,000 prisoners and important, powerfully organized positions on a front of 140 versts for the defense of which they made tremendous sacrifices in money and lives."

"Everything tends to prove that as a consequence of this victory Czernowitz already is in the possession of the Russians, while the remnants of the Austrian army flying in the direction of the Pruth are in danger of disaster which seems inevitable because of the fierce action of our cavalry which fell upon the retreating enemy in full divisions, destroying him and incessantly augmenting the number of our trophies."

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GERMANS LEAVE 2,000 DEAD ON FIELD NEAR YSER CANAL

Paris, May 18, 2.35 P. M.—The French war office this afternoon issued the following statement on the progress of hostilities:

"On the terrain to the west of the Yser canal conquered by us yesterday and the day before yesterday, the Germans left about 2,000 dead and a great number of rifles. During the course of the engagements of yesterday we made some further prisoners. To the east of the canal we have consolidated the positions recently taken by us. During the night the Germans undertook a particularly violent counter attack, preceding this action by a bombardment with artillery and bomb throwers. They were repulsed."

"In the region to the north of Notre Dame De Lorette, on the road from Aix-Noulette to Souchez, we checked completely by our fire two other German counter attacks. As for ourselves we captured as a result of a night advance a group of houses near the cemetery of Ablain. Along all the front to the north of Arras the artillery fighting is continuing by day and by night. The Germans have bombarded Arras with particular ferocity."

"In the region of Ville-Au-Bois, near Berry-Au-Bois, the enemy yesterday undertook a fresh attack, but he was easily repulsed."

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

A far-reaching victory in Bukovina, the Austrian crown land on the eastern extremity of the Russian front, is claimed in an official announcement from Petrograd. According to this statement, the Russians have swept through Bukovina, taking back much of the territory which they held earlier in the war until they were driven out by the Austrians. Their successes are described as of such importance that they more than offset the Austrian-German victory in Western Galicia, in the drive from Cracow. It is reported the Russians have taken Czernowitz, capital of Bukovina, having broken down Austrian resistance over a 90-mile front and captured 20,000 prisoners. The Russian War Office concedes a

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WALL STREET CLOSING

New York, May 18 (Wall Street Closing).—Further selling forced prices down again in the later dealings. The closing was heavy. To-day's stock market was altogether the dullest and most unimportant in over two months. A drooping tendency prevailed throughout.