

LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS AT 3.22 P. M.

Law-makers End Work of 1915 Session With Exchange of Gifts and Farewells

WILL NOT MEET AGAIN TILL 1917

Clock Is Put Back More Than Three Hours So That the Hands Do Not Point to 12, the Time Officially Agreed on to Close Biennial Session

At 3.22 o'clock this afternoon the biennial session of the Legislature came to an end, when Speaker Ambler adjourned the House sine die. The law-makers will not assemble again until January, 1917, unless called together in special session.

At 3 o'clock a committee from the House announced in the Senate that the lower branch was ready to adjourn, and this was at once followed by a report from the committee to inform the Governor that the Senate was ready to adjourn. The report said that the Senate had performed its mission and that the Governor had nothing further to communicate. With a brief and eloquent farewell, Lieutenant Governor McClain thereupon announced the Senate adjourned. This was followed almost immediately by the House adjournment.

Repeatedly during the afternoon, in both branches, the hands of the clock were turned back so they would not reach 12, the time that had been agreed upon for finally adjournment.

The closing hours of the session of the House were taken up with the presentation of gifts to the Speaker and employees. Each member contributed \$10 to a fund of more than \$2,000 which was used in the purchase of the gifts.

A handsome silver service was presented to Speaker Ambler in behalf of the members by William H. Wilson, of Philadelphia. He said much of the success of the session of 1915 was due to the selection of Mr. Ambler as Speaker. Mr. Ambler thanked the members for their consideration for him during the session and hoped that members would have an opportunity to help use the gift at some time.

Mr. Baldwin, of Delaware county, presented to Thomas H. Garvin, chief clerk, a phonograph. Mr. Roney, of Philadelphia, presented to Speaker Ambler a beautiful electric table lamp in behalf of Chief Clerk Garvin, who later presented the Speaker with a gavel.

A grandfather's clock was presented to William S. Leib, resident clerk, on behalf of the House, by Mr. Palmer, of Schuylkill. A rug was presented to James N. Moore, chief of the Legislative Reference Bureau, by Mr. Kitts, of Erie. A handsome mantle clock was presented to L. Dale Meals, assistant resident clerk. The Rev. Mr. Staley, chaplain of the House, received a purse; Journal Clerk Brackney, cut glass punch bowl; the assistant journal clerk, diamond stickpin; Reading Clerk Falkenstein, a watch. Purses were presented to the other House attaches.

A long and bitter debate on the Buckman uniform cold storage bill in

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ANIMALS DIE WHOLESALY

Gore Thinks Poison, Not Colic, Killed His 2 Horses, 12 Rabbits, 6 Guinea Pigs and Pigeons

(Special to the Star-Independent.)
Royalton, Pa., May 20.—Although colic, induced by feeding new rye, has been alleged as the probable cause of the death of two of his three horses, a dozen rabbits, half a dozen guinea pigs and many pigeons, John R. Gore, a poultry fancier, to-day declared he is not yet convinced that his stock was not poisoned by enemies.

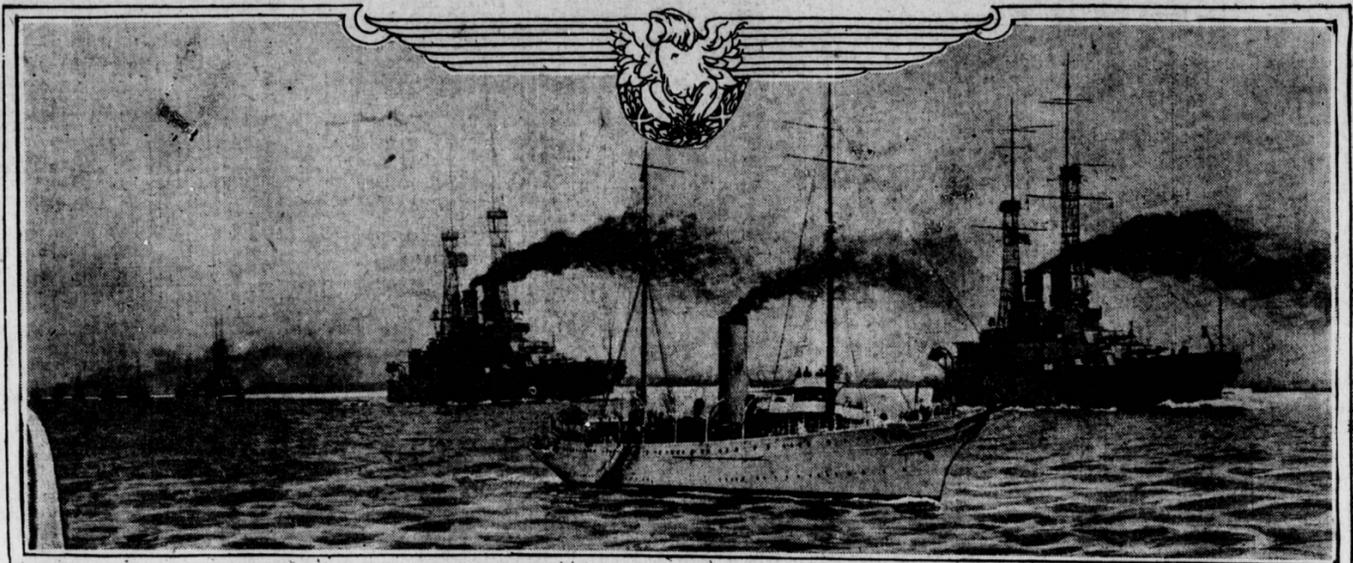
Many of the pigeons died on Sunday, the guinea pigs and the rabbits survived until Monday and then the first of the two horses expired. The second died on Tuesday and the third now is very ill and may not recover.

A veterinarian advanced the opinion that through the feeding of green rye the stock became ill from colic.

Baby Swallows Poison Pills

William Byler, Jr., the 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Byler, 413 Kelker street, was brought to the Harrisburg hospital at 8 o'clock this morning suffering from poison pills which he swallowed while playing around the house. Following an examination a caffeine chlorate tablet was removed from the child's stomach.

U. S. GIGANTIC ATLANTIC FLEET AS IT PUT OUT TO SEA FOR MIMIC WAR



RIGHT TO LEFT—THE MICHIGAN, THE SOUTH CAROLINA, THE KANSAS, THE FLORIDA, THE UTAH, THE VIRGINIA, THE RHODE ISLAND, THE NEBRASKA, THE GEORGIA, THE NEW HAMPSHIRE BATTLESHIP FLEET PASSING IN REVIEW BEFORE THE PRESIDENT'S YACHT, THE MAYFLOWER, OFF LIBERTY ISLAND.

This interesting photograph shows the gigantic Atlantic fleet leaving New York Harbor at the conclusion of the monster naval parade, on its way out to sea to engage in manouevres against an imaginary naval force attacking New York.

BEIDLEMAN IS ELECTED AS PRESIDENT PRO TEM.

Harrisburg Senator Is Sworn in by Judge McCarrell and Is Led to the Chair, Where He Wields Gavel in the Closing Session

The Senate this morning proceeded to the election of President Pro Tem, the names of Edward E. Beidleman, of Dauphin, for the Republicans, and Henry Washers, of York, for the Democrats, being presented. Mr. Beidleman received 38 votes and Mr. Washers 11 votes.

Mr. Beidleman was escorted to the chair by Senators Sproul, Daix and Washers. The oath of office was administered by Judge McCarrell, of Harrisburg. On taking the chair the new President Pro Tem, made a brief speech appreciative of the honor conferred on him. He referred to the fact that his legal preceptor, Judge McCarrell, had administered the oath of office.

In 1893, when Judge McCarrell was a member of the Senate, Senator Beidleman entered his office as a law student and was graduated from there two years later. Beidleman began his political career in the House, serving two terms, and then retiring, declining all office until he could be a candidate for Senator, which came in 1912, when he was successful in gaining the seat in the Senate which had once been held by Judge McCarrell. The latter to-day beamed with pleasure as he administered the oath to his former student.

On Senator Beidleman's desk was placed two huge wicker vases containing roses, the gift of friends in the Harrisburg Republican Club and of the Dauphin county bar.

OPPERMAN DENIES HE AGREED TO TAKE \$16,000

Contractor Declares He Never Made Offer to Compromise Claim for Sewer Extras at a Figure Below That Specified by the Arbitrators

Notwithstanding the statement of William H. Lynch, City Highway Commissioner, that W. H. Opperman once agreed to settle with the City for \$16,000 for extra work done on the intercepting sewer—\$6,767.09 less than was awarded to the contractor by the board of arbitrators—Opperman to-day declared emphatically that he never presented any offer of settlement to the City.

The contractor emphatically denied that he would have settled either for \$16,000 or \$25,000, and added that he is disappointed at not getting a larger award than the \$22,767 which the arbitrators specified. Further than that the contractor would say nothing.

As Opperman closed the interview with a newspaperman, J. William Bowman and Edwin C. Thompson, members of the Board of Public Works; City Solicitor D. S. Seitz, Highway Commissioner Lynch and Joel D. Justin, chief engineer of the Board of Public Works, went into conference this afternoon.

Their purpose was to discuss the decision of the board of arbitrators—Joseph L. Shearer, Jr., Farney Gannett and Roy G. Cox—in the sewer matter. Opperman's original claim for extras under the intercepting sewer contract was said to have been \$30,000, but City officials to-day declared that \$25,000 was submitted as a later claim.

Will Find Funds to Close "Gap"

City Highway Commissioner Lynch said this afternoon that despite the fact the arbitrators' award to W. H. Opperman, contractor, for extra sewer work will use up more than the present balance in the sewer loan fund, a plan will be found to borrow funds sufficient to close the "gap" in the river wall at Market street.

Portugal's Capital Remains Calm

By Associated Press.
Lisbon, May 20.—The new ministry having definitely formed a revolutionary committee has been dissolved. The capital remains calm.

ONLY 2 OF BOARD KEPT IN OFFICE

Governor Names Successors For 5 of the Tener Public Service Commissioners

NAMES TO-DAY ARE CONFIRMED

Pennypacker and Brecht Retained and the New Members Are Rilling, Magee, Monaghan, Kiess and Ainey— Action Causes a Sensation

Only two of the seven Public Service Commissioners appointed by Governor Tener were retained by Governor Brumbaugh who last night sent to the Senate the new board to replace that composed of the Tener appointees whose nominations Brumbaugh recently withdrew. The new commission as nominated last night at 11 o'clock is as follows:

- Samuel W. Pennypacker, Schuylkill, 10 years.
- John S. Rilling, Erie, 9 years.
- William A. Magee, Pittsburgh, 8 years.
- M. J. Brecht, Lancaster, 7 years.
- John Monaghan, Philadelphia, 6 years.
- Edgar A. Kiess, Williamsport, 5 years.
- William D. B. Ainey, Montrose, 4 years.

The Senate Committee on Executive Nominations this morning reported out all of the remaining nominations in its possession, sent in by the Governor up to the minutes, and all were confirmed without opposition, including the new members of the Public Service Commission. The work of the committee was then finished.

Former Governor Pennypacker, who is again made chairman of the commission, and Professor M. J. Brecht, of Lancaster, are the only ones to retain their places. The remaining five members are new appointees.

John S. Rilling, who drew the second prize, is an Erie Democrat and served as chairman of the Democratic

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MONTGOMERY AND RAMBO AMONG THOSE REAPPOINTED

Governor Brumbaugh sent the following appointments to the Senate to-day: Samuel B. Rambo, Harrisburg, to be Superintendent of Public Grounds and Buildings. William H. Smith, Philadelphia, to be State Commissioner of Banking. Thomas J. Lynch, South Bethlehem, to be a member of the Water Supply Commission. Thomas Lynch Montgomery, of Greenhill, Chester county, to be State Librarian. Charles Johnson, Norristown, to be Insurance Commissioner.

"EQUAL RIGHTS" MEASURE IS PASSED FINALLY

The Senate adopted the report of the conference committee on the equal rights bill, which was sent from the House in the closing minutes. The bill provides a fine of \$50 for violation of the law and eliminates damages and imprisonment. It applies to all places of amusement and public accommodation, and affects all citizens of every race, creed and color.

The conference committee on the bill amended it so as to do away with a printer's error and the House adopted the report. The bill passed the Legislature finally and goes to the Governor.

Jury Has Barnes Libel Suit

Syracuse, N. Y., May 20.—The Barnes-Roosevelt libel suit went to the jury this afternoon at 3.11 o'clock.

DEWEY'S OPINION OF NAVY VERIFIED

His Statement About Uncle Sam's Fighting Ships Meets With Wilson's Approval

MUCH PLEASED WITH THE FLEET

President Has Interesting Journey on the Mayflower on His Return to Washington From Reviewing the Atlantic Squadron at New York

By Associated Press.
Washington, May 20.—President Wilson's impressions of the Atlantic fleet, which he reviewed at New York early this week, were set forth in the following statement issued at the White House to-day upon the President's return:

"I was greatly struck by the appearance of the fleet and the quiet efficiency shown by the officers and men, and I am sure every one must have been who had the pleasure of seeing it assembled at New York. There could have been no more interesting verification of Admiral Dewey's statement that the navy was never in a better or more efficient condition and that the country has every reason to be proud of it, not only, but every reason to wish to go forward in its policy of steadily adding to its strength and equipment."

President Back in Washington

Washington, May 20.—The yacht Mayflower returning from New York with President Wilson and his party docked at the navy yard here at 6.30 a. m. to-day. The President later motored to the White House for breakfast.

The yacht remained anchored throughout the night in the Potomac below Washington in order to give the President another night on the water before returning to work.

Immediately after breakfast the President went to his study and attacked an accumulation of work. He

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SHOOTS WIFE, KILLS SELF

Double Tragedy Near Schaefferstown This Morning in Which Thomas Wike Ends Own Life

(Special to the Star-Independent.)
Lebanon, Pa., May 20.—Thomas Wike, aged 35 years, married, living at Waldack, in the Schaefferstown region, this county, shot and dangerously wounded his wife this morning at his home, and immediately afterward killed himself by shooting. The wife is expected to die. The couple have a young child. Excessive drinking is thought to have crazed Wike and caused him to commit the double crime.

The family are widely known throughout the entire eastern end of Lebanon county and also in the Lancaster county region.

Supreme Court Here Next Week

By Associated Press.
Philadelphia, May 20.—The State Supreme Court finished its Philadelphia to-day and adjourned to meet in Harrisburg next Monday. No decisions were announced.

TAMPERING WITH GRAVES IS DENIED

Directors Assert Rumors Can Be Proved or Disproved by Opening the Graves, and They Are Ready to Assist Persons Desiring It

SO ANNOUNCE IN NEWSPAPER

The six directors of the Hillsdale Cemetery Association, which conducts the burial ground at Hillsdale, near Middletown, last evening inserted an advertisement in the Middletown "Journal" under the heading:

"To the lot owners of the Hillsdale cemetery."
The advertisement reads as follows: "Rumors are afloat to the effect that a large number of graves in the Hillsdale cemetery have been tampered with. No authority can be traced for this improbable story, and an investigation made discloses that so far as we can learn there is no foundation for it."

"While the men whose names are coupled with it are all dead, this is a matter that can easily be proved or disproved by opening the graves, and the association will welcome the effort of any surviving friends in that direction."

"Hillsdale Cemetery Ass'n."
S. M. Gingrich, one of the directors, stated to a reporter for the Star-Independent to-day that the plan to insert the advertisement in the newspaper and also invite a full inquiry into rumors regarding the cemetery was decided upon at a meeting of the directors held at his home on Main street, Middletown, on Tuesday evening.

"We place no belief whatever in the rumors that are afloat," said Mr. Gingrich, "and we feel absolutely certain that the fullest inquiry will prove the reports to be untrue."

"I might add that while the directors of the cemetery association, who have investigated the gossip do not feel it necessary to open the graves of the dead to prove the facts, we do not want to stand in the way of those who may desire to open the graves to satisfy themselves. I do not know whether any family has decided to continue the inquiry further."

It was learned to-day that the rumors referred to in the advertisement relate to unsubstantiated stories circulated in the lower end of the county that bodies had been removed from the cemetery and sold. The cemetery authorities say they have convinced themselves these stories are false and that they will offer every assistance in their power to persons desiring to investigate further.

\$2,000 FIRE AT HALIFAX

Summer and Dwelling Houses of Peter Enders Burned—No Insurance

(Special to the Star-Independent.)
Halifax, May 20.—The large dwelling house and summer house on the farm of Peter Enders, in Halifax township, caught fire from an overheated stove on Tuesday and was burned to the ground.

All the furniture, lard and old meat were consumed. The loss is about \$2,000, with no insurance.

Terse French War Report

Paris, May 20, 2.50 P. M.—The French War Office this afternoon gave out a report on the military situation which reads: "There has been nothing Wednesday night to report."

BOTH BANKS OF SAN HELD BY RUSSIANS, REPULSING ATTACKS OF THE AUSTRIANS

Petrograd, May 20.—The Russians continue to hold both banks of the river San south of Jaroslau, according to an official statement issued from the headquarters of the general staff last night. The bombardment of Perymsl continues and in the sector between Perymsl and the great Marsh of the Diester the Russians claim to have repulsed desperate attacks of the Austro-Germans. It is admitted that the Teutonic allies have consolidated their positions on the right banks of the San in the sector between Jaroslau and Lezayeko.

Berlin, May 20, Via London.—The correspondent of the "Lokal Anzeiger" at Austrian field headquarters has sent in a dispatch reading:

"The Austrians have assembled reinforcements behind the river San and have been making preparations for a stand. We must therefore anticipate a big battle in the near future. The Teutonic allies already have gained several strong footholds on the Russian side of the river San, and the ring around Perymsl steadily is growing smaller."

A correspondent of the paper at Chernowitz wires that fighting there is continuous, and that sharpshooters are being largely against the German and Austrian positions around this city.

SUBMARINE SINKS BRITISH TRAWLER. THE CREW SAVED

Peterhead, Scotland, May 20, 1.15 P. M.—The British trawler Chrysolite was sunk by a German submarine at a point thirty miles off Kinnaird's Head, in the North sea, yesterday.

The crew of the trawler took to their boats and were landed here by a Norwegian steamer. It is believed that at least two submarines are operating in these waters.

FRENCH LAND TROOPS AT 2 PLACES IN DARDANELLES

The Rev. H. W. Hartsock, of Camp French troops have been landed at Seddul Bahr at the southern tip of the Gallipoli peninsula and on the European side of the Dardanelles, and are now fighting around the Turkish positions at Krithia, according to a dispatch received by the Grecian newspaper "Messager D'Athens" from Mudros, Lennos Island. This information was received to-day by the Havas News Agency from Athens. The French troops are being supported by the French fleet which is stationed in the bay.

The British forces which debarked at Gaba Tepe are directing their action towards Krithia with the object of surrounding the Turks. The attack on the fortified positions at Chibaba continues. The battle front at the latter point is 3 1-2 miles in width.

ALLIED WARSHIPS AND TURK FORTS IN BOMBARDMENTS

London, May 20.—The Athens correspondent of the "Times" sends the following regarding the operations in the Dardanelles:

"On Saturday fierce fighting occurred above the village of Krithia while the allies continued their efforts to occupy the heights dominating Kild Bahr, operating principally from the Krithia side."

"Some Turkish forts on the European side of the Dardanelles continue to maintain a sporadic fire. During the last few days the fleet has been engaged in destroying the enemy's mobile batteries at Erekeui on the Asiatic shore, which were interfering with our mine sweepers' work."

AUSTRIA'S PROPOSALS REJECTED

Italian Parliament Meets To-day and Declaration of Policy Is Expected

ITALY EXPLAINS IN GREEN BOOK

Tells Why She Was Compelled to Ignore the Treaty of Alliance With the Dual Monarchy—German Press Admits War Inevitable

Paris, May 20.—Reports have been received here from Rome that the Italian Chamber of Deputies by virtually a unanimous vote to-day granted full powers to the Minister of War.

Rome, May 20, Via Paris.—Premier Salandra introduced a bill this afternoon in the Chamber of Deputies conferring on the government extraordinary powers in case of war. A committee was named to give this project immediate consideration.

London, May 20.—Austria's final proposals have been rejected unanimously by the Italian council of ministers, and the two nations are a step nearer war. The Italian parliament meets to-day. It is generally felt that the momentous decision of war or peace can hardly be postponed beyond this sitting, although reports are current that Austria has increased the concessions she is willing to make in order to insure Italian neutrality.

The German press while admitting that war with Italy can hardly be prevented, it views the prospect calmly, the opinion even being expressed that Austria, because of the Italian attack, may be compelled to make a separate peace with Russia, a course which probably would result in the release of more German troops for service in the western frontier.

Amsterdam, Via London, May 20, 3.20 P. M.—"No one in Italy any longer doubts that war begins to-day," is the text of a telegram sent from Chiasso, Switzerland, under the date of Thursday (to-day) and printed in the "Berliner Tageblatt."

GREEN BOOK DISCLOSES ITALY'S RENUNCIATION OF HER TREATY WITH TEUTONS

Rome, May 19, 10.25 A. M., by Way of Paris, May 20, 10.45 A. M.—Diplomatic documents which disclose each successive step in the negotiations which resulted in Italy's renunciation of her treaty of alliance with Austria and Germany are continued in the green book issued by the Italian government.

This history of diplomatic interchanges begins with a telegram sent by Foreign Minister Sonnino to the Duke of Avarna, Italian Ambassador at Vienna, on December 9, 1914, instructing him to notify Count Von Berchtold, then Austrian Foreign Minister, that the Austrian advance in Serbia constituted a fact covered in Article 7 of the Triple Alliance treaty entitling Italy to compensations. Count Von Berchtold replied that his opinion did not agree with this view, but on De-

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LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

"No one in Italy any longer doubts that war begins to-day," says a press dispatch from Chiasso, in Switzerland, near the Italian border, to Berlin.

A dispatch from Paris says word has been received there from Rome that the Italian Chamber of Deputies to-day granted full powers to the Minister of War.

Renewed efforts against the Turks on Gallipoli peninsula have been undertaken by the French and British, with

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WALL STREET CLOSING

By Associated Press.
New York, May 20.—A sudden advance of 3 points in Missouri Pacific followed by an equally abrupt decline of 2 1-4 was the only feature of the late trading. The closing was steady. Uncertainty based largely upon the foreign situation was the dominant characteristic of to-day's market. Trading was a trifle more active, but lacked public interest.