

REPUBLICAN NEWS-ITEM

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LAPORTE PA.

Now it's the cold storage cure for hay fever.

Almost any candidate is a promising candidate.

The air continues to be a poor place in which to do fancy work.

Our idea of nothing to feel sad about is losing a job as an aviator.

The excursion girl now sweetly changes into the matinee maid.

It will be Thanksgiving day for Italy if she finally saws a limb off Turkey.

Tight-skirted women hobbling to catch a car are as funny as a sack race.

The slaughter of an aviator now and then has almost ceased to be a matter of news.

Soon the lover of lake sports will wish to exchange his bathing suit for a pair of skates.

Bohemia has a woman member of parliament. Showing the true Bohemian spirit, as it were.

Do you suppose the government will get any nearer the telephone trust than a long-distance call?

Canada sold 50,000,000 lobsters last winter. New York will have to hustle to live up to its reputation.

The girl with the coat of seashore tan now looks sympathetically at her vale-faced, stay-at-home sisters.

A python in the New York zoo eats but one meal a year. This reduces housekeeping costs to a minimum.

If it were not for the old warships what would the young warships have to shoot at in target practice?

Lemons are becoming more expensive, but it is probable that many of them will still be handed around.

Antiquarians have discovered another Venus, doubtless without first getting the consent of their wives.

Tobacco is now grown in Kansas, and several new brands of Havana cigars will soon be put on the market.

London telegraph company is hiring girls to replace messenger boys. Leave it to a girl to carry messages.

Baltimore policemen must not play dominoes on Sunday. Probably it is the one game that they don't play at all.

A New York man is reported to have borrowed \$3,500 from his laundress. If she had it it is quite possible.

Any movement to restrain the activities of the genius who designs freak shoes for men will deserve public approbation.

Among all the adjectives that have been applied to the costumes that the girls are wearing now we haven't noticed "modest."

An artist who painted \$10 bills has been arrested. Painting \$10 bills does not seem to be any more profitable than gilding lilies.

In Philadelphia all women under thirty are "girls." Philadelphia, the chivalrous and altruistic, is proving itself the City of Brotherly Love to the lone sisters.

An English actor who wore a corset has died as the result of tight lacing. Evidently the manager declined to give him a fat part.

While a Kansas woman was trying to kiss a bulldog the animal bit her lip. It seems difficult for some Kansas bulldogs to acquire good manners.

Playing cards has been traced back to the year 800 A. D. It is safe to presume that the police of those days gathered in their graft just as merrily as now.

A Kansas City man who went to bed one night, leaving \$1,700 in his trousers pocket, has registered a vow that he will not be so careless again. He is trying to accumulate another \$1,700.

Fluffy skirts saved a woman from drowning in the Chicago river. The moral is that women who feel that they must wear tight skirts should avoid falling into that historic stream.

There were fourteen billion telephone calls in the United States last year. Do you wonder that the lines were sometimes busy?

Sound proof floors in apartment buildings are a grand institution, but until the sound proof baby is invented somebody is sure to complain.

Now it appears that the English beauty who planned to see the United States in two days is an actress. Score another point for the alert press agent.

GRAIN YIELDS AT RECORD FIGURES

Tremendous Harvest of Corn, Oats and Spring Wheat

HAY REACHES TOP NOTCH

Corn Total 3,016,000,000 Bushels and Condition 82.2 Per Cent. Against 70.4 a Year Ago—Oats 1,417,172,000 Bushels.

Washington.—Never before have the great cereal crops of the United States been so bountiful as those of this year. Records of production for almost every cereal have been surpassed in some instances by millions of bushels.

The October crop report of the Department of Agriculture shows spring wheat, oats, barley, rye and hay all have exceeded the best record productions, while the crops of corn and potatoes, from present indications, also will be the greatest ever yet harvested.

The indicated corn yield was particularly surprising being given at 3,016,000,000 bushels, compared with 2,995,000,000 bushels a month ago.

The spring wheat crop was placed at 330,391,000 bushels, with the quality the finest in years, while the total crop of this country is expected to reach 720,000,000 bushels. The oats crop also showed a large gain with that of a month ago.

The barley and potato crops have been in line with the big staples and have exhibited remarkable increases in size since the first of September. Hay and flaxseed are record crops. The hay crop is 72,423,000 tons, as compared with 47,444,000 tons last year and 61,000,000 tons the year before. Flaxseed is 29,065,000 bushels. The rye crop is 35,422,000 bushels, and the buckwheat crop is 18,000,000 bushels.

In barley the large increase of 15,619,000 bushels was recorded during the month, bringing the total crop to 224,619,000 bushels for the year, as compared with the crop of 160,240,000 last year. This is the largest crop the country has ever produced.

The white potato crop is estimated at 491,000,000 bushels, as compared with 398,000,000 bushels last month and 292,377,000 last year. The yield per acre is 108.8 bushels, as compared with 108 bushels last month and 89.9 last year.

CONFESSES TO GRAFT IN OHIO.

Legislator Pleads Guilty and Involves "Higher Ups"—Sentence Deferred.

Columbus, Ohio.—With the unexpected plea of guilty by Representative George B. Nye (Waverly) to soliciting a bribe of \$1,000 from Representative B. F. Kimble of Adams county, and a subsequent confession of everything he knew of legislative graft to Attorney General Hogan and Prosecutor Turner, came assurance State attorney that further legislative graft exposures, completely overshadowing those made a year and a half ago, and involving the much talked of higher-ups will be made forthwith by a grand jury investigation.

Judge E. B. Kink ad accepted the Pike county legislator's plea of guilty and upon request of the attorney-general deferred sentence.

MEXICAN REBELS BURN TOWN.

Americans and British in Polizada Menaced by Zapatistas.

Washington.—The sacking and burning of the town of Rods about 70 miles north of Durango, by Mexican rebels was reported to the State Department. This town numbering about 1,000 inhabitants, was attacked by 400 rebels, under Gregorio Sanchez. One hundred and twenty-five state troops stubbornly defended the place against the rebels, but were overpowered. Heavy losses were suffered by both sides.

After defeating the defenders of the town, the rebels looted the houses and stores, and then set fire to the buildings. Sixty American and British residents of Polizada are menaced by a force of several hundred Zapatistas, according to State Department advice.

TEST PUBLICITY LAW.

Journal of Commerce Seeks to Enjoin Invasion of Private Rights.

New York.—Papers in a suit brought by the Journal of Commerce against the post office department and the attorney-general to restrain them from enforcing the new publicity law for newspapers were filed here. Morris & Plante of 135 Broadway, counsel for the American Newspaper Publishers Association, of which the Journal of Commerce is a member, are the attorneys.

FAMOUS FREAKS DEAD.

The Millie-Christine Twins Had Only One Body.

Wilmington, N. C.—The celebrated Millie-Christine twins, aged 60, died at the home of the pair near Wilmington. Millie died first and the other within a few hours.

The twins, who were colored, had two heads and two sets of lower extremities but had, the same body. They had been exhibited all over the world. They were born in slavery and were sold for \$40,000.

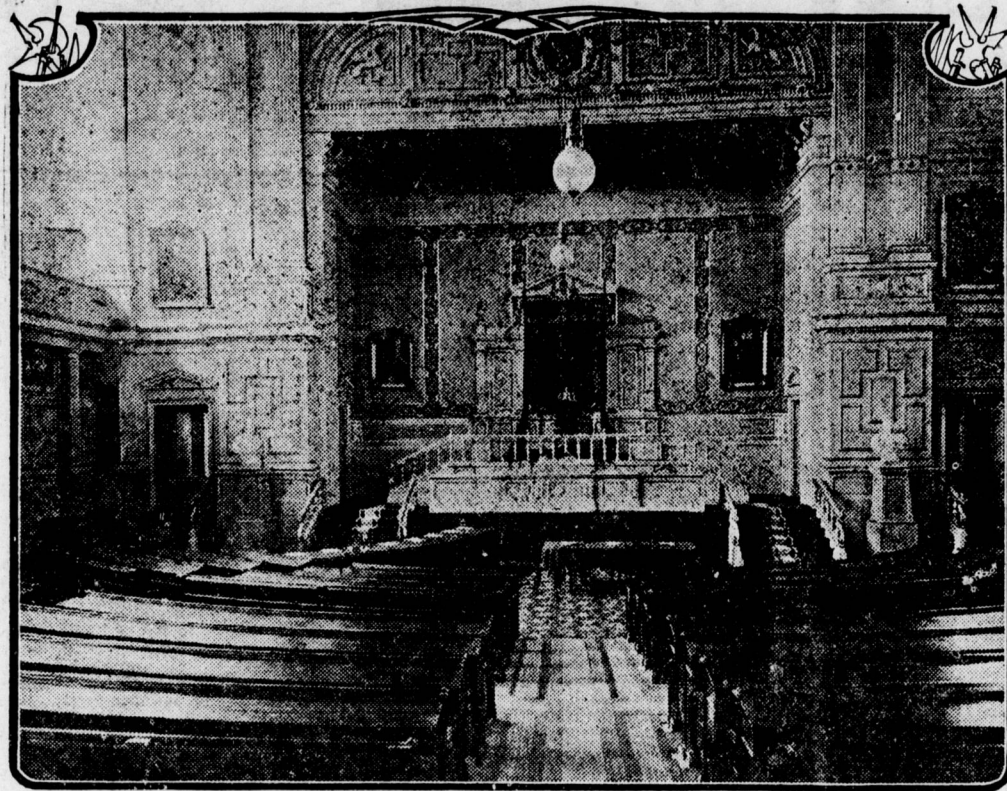
THOMAS J. RYAN, A SUICIDE.

Pennsylvania Politician, Dreamland Stockholder, Involved Financially.

Philadelphia.—Thomas J. Ryan, member of the Donnelly-Ryan-Guffey triumvirate, ended his life in his office in the Land Title & Trust Building by shooting himself.

Ryan was hopelessly involved financially. A year ago Dreamland in New York burned down and that loss was sustained almost entirely by him. His creditors were considering plans for a trusteeship.

WHERE BULGARIA'S WARLIKE DEPUTIES MEET



This is the hall in Sofia in which the Bulgarian chamber of deputies is holding sessions and determining on the country's course of action during the Balkan crisis.

"BIG JACK" ZELIG, GUNMAN, KILLED

Rosenthal Murder Witness Slain on Eve of Ecker Trial

BOWERY BUM THE ASSASSIN

Notorious Leader of Thugs Had Promised District Attorney Whitman to Corroborate "Jack" Rose's Story of Plot to Kill Rosenthal.

New York.—"Big Jack" Zelig, the most notorious gunman, gang leader and pickpocket in the city, was shot and killed at Fourteenth street and Second avenue by Philip Davidson, a Bowery drifter. Davidson had an encounter with Zelig a few hours previous, in which, Davidson says, Zelig blackjacked him and took \$490 from him. The killing of Zelig was Davidson's revenge.

On Zelig's person were found many memoranda and several letters dealing with the Rosenthal murder. Among the letters were four, one from each of the men now in the Tombs indicted for the actual murder of Herman Rosenthal—"Gyp the Blood" Horowitz, "Lefty Louie" Rosenberg, "Whitey Jack" Lewis and "Dago Frank" Crofici.

These letters contain no reference to Lieut. Becker, nor is Herman Rosenthal's name mentioned, but through them there runs a tone of confidence in Zelig's plans to get the four free of the charge of murder, and in every one is a promise that they will soon have freedom and will be in Zelig's company. All the letters are written in a spirit of camaraderie.

The letters indicate an even closer intimacy between Zelig and the four murderers than had been suspected.

The killing of Zelig on the eve of the trial of Lieut. Becker for the murder of Herman Rosenthal may lead to undreamed of developments, though there was every indication that behind the murder of Zelig there was nothing more than the personal revenge of Davidson.

Zelig had promised District Attorney Whitman that he would testify that Jack Rose said that he went to Zelig, at Becker's request, to get the gunmen to kill Rosenthal.

Zelig would not have admitted that he had rounded up the murderers, but his testimony in the opinion of the District Attorney was essential corroboration of a part of Rose's story in implicating Becker, which was in great need of corroboration.

The death of Zelig also means that the case against Policemen James C. White and John C. Steinert, two of Becker's old strong arm squad, now under indictment for oppression and perjury in causing the arrest of Zelig for carrying concealed weapons and swearing to the falsehood that he had a pistol in his pocket, will have to be dismissed.

Another result of the death of Zelig which interested officials and underworld alike is that the \$10,000 put up for Zelig's bail on the Steinert-White charge will be released.

MAZA GETS 30 MONTHS.

Cuban Sentenced for Assault on United States Diplomat.

Havana.—Enrique Maza, a Cuban newspaper man, who recently assaulted Hugh S. Gibson, the American charge d'affaires, was sentenced to two and a half years' imprisonment.

This is not the most extreme penalty under the Cuban law, but was considered by the court as a fair equivalent of the penalty for the same offense in the United States.

NICARAGUANS KILL 4 MARINES

Leon Occupied by Americans, But Not Without Bloodshed

REVOLT IS NEARLY SUBDUED

Zeledon Was a Coward—Revolutionary General Flees from Battle and Slays Women in Order to Keep Destination Secret.

Washington.—A dispatch from San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, received here reports that, contrary to first reports, the town of Leon was not taken without bloodshed.

On Sunday, when the American marines and bluejackets under Lieutenant Colonel Long marched into the city of Leon to take possession, they were met in the streets by an irresponsible mob, who opened fire. Three Americans were killed and four wounded. The marines returned the fire, killing fifty of the mob and wounding forty. The others were driven out of town.

Chinandega is the capital of the department of the same name, lying about twenty-four miles northwest of Leon. Both towns have been in the hands of the insurgents for weeks past and the residents of both places have suffered much distress.

Additional advices showing the treachery and cowardice of General Zeledon, who was killed while fleeing from Barranca shortly before the battle in which the rebels were routed and four American marines killed, were received by the State Department. It was reported that one of the rebel officers who was captured while fleeing with Zeledon declared that the latter killed three women in cold blood soon after he departed from Masaya, in order that they might not carry back news of his movements.

Minister Weitzel reported that refugees say that after Zeledon urged his men in the Barranca hills to resist any attack to the end he fled first to Masaya and took shelter in a church, and then left the city at the first sign of the battle at Barranca. The rebels hoisted a white flag from the church, but when three federal officers, including Colonel Alberto Chamorro, approached to accept the supposed surrender they opened fire on them.

BAR 500 I. W. W. AT LAWRENCE.

Mills Discharge Intimidators of Other Employes During Textile Strike.

Lawrence, Mass.—With the exception of 500 all the 30,000 textile operatives in this city resumed work in the woolen and cotton mills. The force of the Ettor-Giovanitti "protest" strike has spent itself and mill officials look for no more trouble for a while at least. The 500 employes barred from the mills were I. W. W. agitators.

ROCK ISLAND TRAIN HELD UP.

Robbers Dynamite Express Safes and Then Escape.

Fort Smith, Ark.—A westbound Rock Island passenger train was held up and the express and mail cars were robbed near Howe, Okla.

Safes in the express car were dynamited, but the amount of booty taken has not been learned. Passengers were not molested.

Howe is 25 miles south of Poteau, where a Kansas City Southern train was held up several days ago.

WAR DECLARED BY MONTENEGRO

Troops Cross Frontier and Attack Turkish Towns

BIG MASSACRE IS REPORTED

Powers Now Fear Peace Efforts Are Frustrated—Turks Fight All Night Battle With Malisori Tribesmen.

London.—Montenegro has declared war against Turkey, and it is expected Serbia, Bulgaria and Greece will make a similar declaration as soon as their armies can be mobilized.

Montenegrin troops crossed the frontier at once and surrounded Berana, where one detachment was annihilated by the Turks. There was skirmishing on the Serbian border and encounters between Turks and Greeks near Diskata. Bulgarians exchanged shots with Turks near Djumbala.

One million men are facing each other on the Turkish-Balkan States' frontier.

It is predicted that the first great battle, probably, at Adrianople will be as bloody and decisive as the battle of Mukden.

King Nicholas of Montenegro and Prince Mirko left Cetinje for the front as guns roared and bells pealed. European diplomats are bending every effort to prevent the spreading of the war flames to the great powers.

Greek vessels recently seized by the Turks are being loaded with troops at Constantinople.

A dispatch to the Neues Wiener Tageblatt from Oltenitza, Roumania, reports a massacre of Turks by Bulgarians at Turtukala, Bulgaria. According to the despatch, agitators from Husehuit inflamed local Bulgarians and these, in the dead of night, attacked the Turkish residents of the town, slaying all but a few who escaped across the border to Oltenitza. Eye witnesses are quoted as saying that the police shared in the slaughter and pillage.

On the next morning, the despatch states, the streets of the Turkish quarter were lined with piles of corpses, among them the bodies of women and children.

Should the unexpected come about and Greece, Serbia and Bulgaria decline to join Montenegro in a declaration of war, the hostilities would not be likely to be serious to Turkey except as she assumed the offensive and invaded the mountain state. The Montenegrins have a fighting reputation when they can do battle in their own mountain and a guerilla warfare there would cost Turkey dear. Outside of their own country the Montenegrins, it is thought here, are too few in numbers to be dangerous to a power of the size of Turkey, unless the little State can get the help of her neighbors. That such a thing can happen as that she will be left to fight alone seems very doubtful, however.

DEFAULTER DISAPPEARS.

John B. Snavely, former postmaster at Enhaut, a village near here, under bail for trial in the United States Court for embezzlement of \$1100 of post office funds, disappeared from home. He left a note for his wife, saying he could not bear the disgrace, and she would never see him again. He also left a note for his mother, telling her how the shortage might be made good out of his insurance money. Snavely was arrested recently by Post Office Inspector H. E. Lucas. He was to have been tried this month.

DRAFT BILLS FOR CITY RULE

Relief for All Third-class Cities From Burdensome Government

PARTISANSHIP IS AVOIDED

Initiative and Referendum Favored; Recall and Civil Service Knocked Out—Meeting of Allied Civic Bodies Committee.

(Special Harrisburg Correspondence.)

Harrisburg.—Enactment of a law which will allow the third-class cities of the State to adopt the commission form of government if they desire was urged at a meeting of the Allied Civic Bodies Committee, representing the third-class cities and larger boroughs of the State. The committee will frame a bill to be submitted to the next General Assembly, calling for a commission form of government with a council of five each man to be head of a department. Councilmen are to be elected at large for two-year terms, and a non-partisan ballot will be used if the bill goes through. The bill will embody the initiative and referendum, but the proposition to insert the recall was defeated by a vote of 29 to 24 after a long discussion. Civil service also was eliminated from the bill, but changes in election and taxation laws were recommended and it was stated that a bill would be prepared to refund three-fourths of the taxes paid to the State by public utilities companies to municipalities in which they operate. Representatives of practically every third-class city in the State and of most of the larger boroughs heard the discussion and addresses by Ira W. Stratton, of Reading; A. M. Fuller, of Meadville; W. G. Fricklinger, of Erie; Manley O. Brown, of Meadville; George R. Wallace, of Pittsburgh; Clinton Rogers Woodruff, of Philadelphia, and Richard S. Childs, of New York. Woodruff spoke on the needs of third-class cities, and Childs on the commission form of government, while Wallace outlined the bills which are to be presented. The session closed with a general discussion of third-class city laws and their needs.

Prisoners Do Not Run Away.

Warden John Francis of the Western penitentiary, told friends here while on a recent visit his ideas about handling men. The warden has a detail of fifteen men working on the farm, as he calls the State's plantation in Center county, where the new institution is to be erected. These fifteen men are working every day and more are to be added. One of the persons to whom the warden was talking asked about the possibility of the men getting away. "Do you put a guard over them?" was asked. "Why a guard?" replied the warden. "I just tell those men to go to work. They go out and work and return for meals and sleep. If anyone should go away, he will be caught and it will be his loss. I have not had anyone try to get away yet."

Duty to Be Assessed.

The Dauphin County Court, with Judge Kunkel and Judge McCarrell on the bench, decided in the contest brought by Democrats to have the names of unassessed voters placed on the assessors' lists that it is the duty of every voter to see that he is assessed. Thomas C. Egenrieder brought the case to compel the assessor to place his name on the list, and said he did not know he had not been assessed until two weeks after the last day for being assessed. The court intimated that the registration laws are somewhat conflicting, but that as far as this city is concerned the assessors are charged with no duties concerning the voters' list. The case was brought as a test case, as there are several thousand unassessed persons in the city.

Would Protect Buck Deer.

Buck deer are scarce in Pennsylvania and the State Game Commission is being urged by hunters and persons interested in game preservation to recommend to the Legislature a closed season for all deer. Numerous letters on the subject are being received at the office of the commission, and some of the writers suggest that the killing of deer be stopped from five to ten years. The killing of does and fawns is not prohibited.

Philadelphia Milk Tainted?

The State Live Stock Sanitary Board has placed the herd and premises of Harvey Smedley, near West Chester, under quarantine, some of the cows of the herd being affected with tuberculosis. Until the quarantine was established the milk was being shipped to Philadelphia.

Defaulter Disappears.

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