

REVIEW OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR NEWS READERS

Happenings of the Week in the Capitol Building and Throughout the State Reported for Our Readers in Fulton County and Elsewhere.

PAYMENTS JUMP DURING MONTH

State Treasurer Has Larger Balance Than Ever Known

BANKS SWELL THE RECEIPTS

Total Surplus in Vaults at Close of February was \$8,189,460—Amount Received During the Month Was \$3,790,317.

(Special Harrisburg Correspondence.) Harrisburg.—Payments of State taxes on business of foreign insurance companies and trust companies and State banks swelled the receipts at the State Treasury during February and the balance at the close of business for that month stands at a higher figure than it has been for months. During February the receipts were \$3,790,317.75, of which all but \$19.40 from Sabbath breaking fines went into the general fund. The payments aggregated \$1,565,497.65, of which \$1,552,957.65 was from the general fund and \$12,540 from the sinking fund for payment of interest on the dwindling State debt. The latter payment was on a transfer from the general fund as required. The total balance in the Treasury at the close of February was \$8,189,460.51, against \$5,968,540.41 at the close of January business; \$5,504,379.95 at the end of December and \$7,564,289.78 at the close of November.

Board Seeks Advice. J. Louis Bretlinger, chief moving picture censor, announced the appointment of Joseph A. Berrier, Harrisburg, as chief clerk at \$1,000 per year and Mrs. Gertrude A. Lantz, Harrisburg, as stenographer at \$720. The board will open its offices here and will issue a pamphlet containing its rules and the plan to make the act effective May 1, 1914. Mr. Bretlinger states that the board is considering the advisability of having one member from organizations interested in pictures act with representatives of religious bodies on a general advisory committee. This committee could pass upon pictures about which there would be a doubt and would be chosen from names to be submitted by executives of organizations.

Appeal to Highway Department. Applications from most of the eastern counties are coming to the maintenance division of the State Highway Department for aid in opening roads. The blizzard will probably cost the department more than all the other snow storms of the winter. In December, January and February about \$5,600 was spent by the department for the removal of snow. More than this amount has already been authorized for the opening of main highways and township roads obliterated by the blizzard. In Montgomery County \$2,600 will be required to remove the snow and open the roads for traffic. Bucks County, where the fury of the blizzard reached its height, has not been heard from, but George H. Biles, maintenance engineer, under whose direction the removal of snow is being carried on, says that he expects it will take fully as much if not more to clear the roads of that county.

Poor Board Report.

Dauphin county paid \$3.25 per week on an average for the care of the county's poor folks during 1913, according to the annual report of the Poor Directors which has been submitted to the State Board of Charities and Corrections. All told the number of days' support given to inmates was 75,150 and the net cost to the county was \$43,888.44. The almshouse expenditures alone totaled \$31,592. The report shows that Dauphin county paid \$622.35 for the burial of its paupers; \$7,235 for poor physicians' services; \$3,800 as salaries to clerk and poor directors; \$525 for publishing the annual report; \$1,532.60 for insurance; \$73.32 for telephones and \$175.91 for office stationery a total of \$12,844.38. The report shows a balance on hand of \$492.69.

Famous Ball Players' Visit.

John M. Ward, the famous short-stop of years ago and now a prominent New York lawyer, was a visitor to Governor Tener's office. He was marooned between trains and talked over old times with the Governor. Mr. Ward went through the building and met a number of friends, including Wilson I. Fleming, of the Department of Labor.

Snowball Injures Girl.

M. S. Hershey, the chocolate manufacturer, of Hershey, has offered \$100 for information leading to the detection of the person who threw a snowball at a sleighing party of his employees in Middletown several nights ago. One of the girls of the party was struck in an eye and may lose her sight.

Anti-Swearing League.

The anti-swearing leagues being formed in some parts of the State suggest a unique organization that has been in existence in one establishment here for years. Every time a man curses he has to pay a nickel. At the end of the month the money is spent for a "feed." Generally the "feed" is worth while. There was an epidemic of clean words and few fines were paid. Saying he would raise the fund one member started to swear. No one else followed his example and he paid two fines and quit.

BANQUET FOR BUSINESS MEN

Thomas Martindale Carries Trade Boom to Neighbors

BIDS POTTSTOWN EXPAND

No More Potent Power for Good Than Organization—Officers Vigilant to Correct Evils or Advocate in Municipal Policy.

Pottstown.—Covers were laid for 125 at the first annual banquet of the Pottstown Business Men's Association, of which Thomas F. Stor is president. It was held at the Shuler House and Charles J. Custer acted as toastmaster. Among the out-of-town guests were Frank W. Baustian and H. R. Knapp, president and secretary, respectively, of the Pottsville Merchants' Association; Thomas Martindale, the well-known Philadelphia merchant; Edward James Cattell, statistician to Mayor Blankenburg, and former Receiver of Taxes Hugh Black. Mr. Martindale said: "There is no more potent power for good than an organization whose officers are ever vigilant to correct some evils or some injustice, or to advocate a change, perhaps, in some municipal policy. Organizations of this kind can work miracles for the common good and carry with them a force of great power. What other cities have done in the past year, to a certain extent, can do."

Trolley Along Historic Spots.

Ephrata.—More than 300 men, many of them farmers, are working on the trolley line that will link Lebanon and Ephrata, passing through Lincoln, Clay Hopland, Kleineltersville, Schaefferstown and Reistville, almost touching the spot where Kate Edwards, recently released from the Berks county prison, hid the hammer used in killing her husband, twelve years ago. The road also runs close to the places in the Welsh Mountain, where the late "Bully Lyons," a noted Reading detective, met Abe Buzzard, the outlaw, for whom he was searching and asked, "Did you see Abe Buzzard?" The latter replied, so that Lyons could not hear, "Yes, sir; he is just hitching up now to go away," and he did go, while Lyons proceeded over the mountain to continue his hunt.

Appeal from Dry Judges.

Huntington.—Licensee Court, Judge Wood and Associates Beers and McCarthy on the bench, handed down a unanimous decision, refusing two wholesalers and five retailers, constituting all the liquor license applicants in Huntington county. Applicants in Huntington county will be dry after April 1. Frederick Orady, counsel for the applicants, will take an appeal to the Superior Court on the ground that Associates Beers and McCarthy were unqualified to give impartial decision. If reversal is refused, hotel-keepers say they will close their hostilities.

Greater Armor Tests.

South Bethlehem.—The Bethlehem Steel Company will spend several thousand dollars in improvements to its Government armor-plate proving grounds at Redington. Gun foundations will be installed for proof-firing of three-inch to 18-inch guns. In the future the company's proving grounds will be able to handle any ordnance material built by it, and a 125-ton electric traveling crane will be installed to handle the heaviest guns and armorplate manufactured.

Snow Saves Flaming Girl.

York.—Her clothing igniting from the flames of a gas stove, nine-year-old Louise, daughter of H. F. Regenthal, a candy manufacturer and ex-City Councilman, ran screaming out of the house. Passersby tossed her into the nearest snowbank and rolled her about until the blaze was extinguished. Her body above the waist was terribly scorched.

Burgess Can't Run Police.

Norristown.—Borough Solicitor Henry M. Brownback, in a long opinion, informed Council that the Watch and Lamp Committee, as heretofore, has the direction of the policemen while on duty, as well as having the power of appointment and dismissal, despite the opinion of the Rev. J. Elmer Saul, Burgess, elected on the Washington party ticket.

Twelve Baptized in Creek.

Waynesboro.—Twelve persons were immersed in the creek at the Daniel Hess farm, east of Waynesboro, by the Rev. H. Mitchell Stover, pastor of the German Brethren church.

Rabbit Eats From Man's Hand.

Lewistown.—Wild game is suffering from the severe weather in this section and the deep snow has caused much suffering among partridge and wild turkeys. In Oliver township, a farmer noticed a rabbit on a boardwalk near the house and holding out a piece of apple in his hand, the animal was so hungry that it ate from his hand. Clayton Molist and Andrew Hambright, of McVeytown, carried two bushels of corn to a ridge near that place, through a deep snow to feed turkeys and other game.

SNAPSHOTS AT STATE NEWS

All Pennsylvania Gleaned for Items of Interest.

REPORTS ABOUT CROPS GOOD

Farmers Busy in Every Locality—Churches Raising Funds for Many Worthy Objects—Items of Business and Pleasure that Interest.

Thomas E. Crossan has been appointed tax collector of New Garden township.

Mary Frederick, of South Parkside, fell on an icy pavement, breaking an arm.

Parkside is experiencing a building boom, with a score of houses in course of erection.

The journeymen painters of Quakertown have adopted a 23-cent-an-hour scale and a nine-hour workday.

J. Frederick Mock, of North Coventry, has filed petition for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment.

M. J. Nealon, appointed a city assessor at Scranton, was school controller for a term.

The borough electric light plant at Emporium, destroyed by fire recently, is being reconstructed.

The first engine and cars passed over Shamokin, Sunbury and Lewisburg Railway February 27, 1883.

William Pendosi, of Philadelphia, pleaded guilty to forgery in Norris-town Court.

Clearing snow from Pennsy tracks near Johnstown, Philip Casanilla and Philip Farrier were killed by a train.

Burgess Weiss, of West Hazleton, personally leads raids on keepers of disorderly houses driven out of Hazleton.

Chester Council has received a petition from the police, asking an increase of salary from \$50 to \$50 a month.

The 12 employees of the Doylestown post office tendered a banquet to the retiring postmaster, E. Wesley Keeler, and his successor, Asher K. Anders.

Mrs. H. T. Bengel, of Conneville, is the proud possessor of a brood of 13 White Orpington chicks. They are the first in that neighborhood.

That the back-to-the-farm movement has taken a strong hold upon city folk is evident by the large number of farms purchased in Upper Bucks county.

In line with Coopersburg, where a Neighborhood Association has already been established, prominent Quakertown citizens are urging a similar organization.

Johnson McClelland, proprietor of a boarding house in Chester, was held under \$100 bail to keep the peace by Alderman Melville on the charge of annoying Mrs. Mabel Todd.

W. H. Sullivan, former operator of the Goodyear Lumber Company mills at Galeton, has been elected vice-president and general manager of the Great Southern Lumber Company at Bogalusa, La.

James H. O'Connor, of Mahanov City, admitted to practice law in the Schuylkill County Courts, was educated in the Mahanov city high schools, Georgetown University and the University of Pennsylvania.

The Womelsdorf School Board, which expects to erect one of the finest school houses in rural Berks next summer, is now making tours of inspection to other Berks boroughs that have lately erected model buildings.

A petition has been circulated by Horace G. Reeder and Samuel R. Richardson, of Newtown, asking for a jury to condemn and free from tolls the Brigetown & Newtown Turnpike conduct.

The Rev. Dr. Thompson McKinney, pastor of Oliver Methodist Church, Coatesville, has sued to recover \$10,000 damages from Samuel Hughes, of Stiglen, charged with publicly accusing Dr. McKinney of immoral conduct.

The Council elected Romanna Fellman chief of police in place of William H. Rodenbough, who resigned the first of the year after 30 years of service. Fellman has been a mounted policeman in Philadelphia.

Jerome C. Shear, chief naturalization examiner at Philadelphia, represented the United States in Naturalization Court at Allentown, when about a score of applicants for citizenship were examined and nearly a dozen admitted.

Henderson Brown, colored, 79 years old, a veteran of the civil war, was found dead in his frame shack in an alley in the western part of Chester. Neighbors had missed the twang of his guitar, which he was in the habit of playing every evening.

G. W. VANDERBILT OF BILTMORE DEAD

Succumbs to Complications After Appendicitis Operation.

HIS CASTLE COST \$3,000,000.

Youngest Son Of the Late William H. Vanderbilt Dies in Washington Following An Operation.

Washington.—George W. Vanderbilt, aged 52, multimillionaire philanthropist and sportsman of international reputation, died here from heart failure following an operation for appendicitis. His death came suddenly, caused indirectly, through the development of pulmonary embolism, which affected the heart, preventing blood circulation.

Although seriously ill for some time, Mr. Vanderbilt had sustained the operation and continued to show signs of improvement until the complications unexpectedly arose. Previous to their appearance no alarm had been felt for his recovery and physicians said his condition was improving daily.

Mrs. Vanderbilt, who was formerly Miss Edith Dresser, of New York, had been continuously in attendance at the bedside. She was almost prostrated by her husband's sudden death.

CONFESSES AFTER 29 YEARS.

Pennsylvanian Had Been Acquitted Of Wife Murder.

Erie, Pa.—The Rev. John B. Cook, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Girard, Pa., notified District Attorney J. O. Wait that John Turner, aged 83, had confessed to him that he murdered his wife at Linesville, Pa., in 1885. According to the story told the district attorney, Turner, who has been very ill, summoned Rev. M. Cook to his home and told him that while the Turners lived at Linesville he became angry at his wife and hit her with a club. He was arrested and tried for the crime, but was acquitted by the testimony of members of the family. The jury held that Mrs. Turner had died as the result of a fall. The trial, according to Turner's story, took place at Meadville, Pa. The authorities there were notified of the alleged confession.

THAW COUNSEL DISBARRED.

C. W. Hartridge Prevented From Continuing Practice.

New York.—Clifford W. Hartridge, counsel for Harry K. Thaw at his first trial for the killing of Stanford White, was disbarred from the practice of law by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court. The court found that Hartridge had squandered \$39,000 to induce women witnesses who might have testified against Thaw to leave the city. Daniel O'Reilly, another of the Thaw lawyers, died not long ago, after serving a term on Blackwell's Island for receiving stolen property.

FUNERAL OVER A7 MEN.

Services Held in Plymouth Sound For Men Lost With Submarine.

Plymouth, England.—With impressive ceremony, a funeral service was read for the 11 men who perished with the lost submarine A7, hope of recovery which has been abandoned by the Admiralty. While the burial rites of the Anglican Church were read aboard the cruiser Forth, standing by over the spot in Plymouth Sound where the A7 is supposed to be buried in the sand, a duplicate service was read in the royal navy barracks at Keyham.

RESERVE BOARD BY APRIL 1.

President Intimates New Banking System Will Start Then.

Washington.—The Federal Reserve Board probably will be selected by April 1. In talking with callers President Wilson gave that date as the one toward which the organization committee was looking for the establishment of the new Federal reserve system of banks.

DIES A MARTYR TO X-RAYS.

Henry Green Kept Up His Work After He Knew He Was Doomed.

Hartford, Conn.—The death occurred here of Henry Green, pioneer manufacturer of X-ray tubes, who had seen a half dozen of his friends sacrifice themselves and who told a reporter eight years ago, when giving out a biographical sketch of his partner, John L. Bauer, who had just died of the deadly rays.

JUDGE H. M. CLABAUGH DEAD.

Jurist Expires Suddenly Of Heart Failure In Washington.

Washington.—Chief Justice Harry M. Clabaugh of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, died suddenly here of heart failure. Judge Clabaugh was on his way to Georgetown University Law School to lecture when stricken. He died shortly after being removed to his home. A wife, who was Miss Swope, of Gettysburg, Pa., and two daughters survive.

ANOTHER TO GO TO CHAIR.

Murderer Of Two Policemen To Die With Gunmen.

New York.—Oreste Shillitoni, murderer of two policemen, was sentenced to die in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison during the week beginning April 13. This is the same week set for the death of the four gunmen found guilty of the murder of Herman Rosenthal. So many of Shillitoni's East Side friends crowded the courtroom when sentence was pronounced that extraordinary measures were taken to prevent any outbreak.

AN APPEAL TO CONGRESS BY PRESIDENT WILSON

"Gentlemen of the Congress:

"I have come to you upon an errand which can be very briefly performed, but I beg that you will not measure its importance by the number of sentences in which I state it. No communication I have addressed to the Congress carried with it graver or more far-reaching implications to the interest of the country, and I come now to speak upon a matter with regard to which I am charged in a peculiar degree, by the Constitution itself, with personal responsibility.

"I have come to ask for the repeal of that provision of the Panama Canal act of August 24, 1912, which exempts vessels engaged in the coastwise trade of the United States from payment of tolls and to urge upon you the justice, the wisdom and the large policy of such a repeal with the utmost earnestness of which I am capable.

"In my own judgment, very fully considered and maturely formed, that exemption constitutes a mistaken economic policy from every point of view and is, moreover, in plain contravention of the treaty with Great Britain concerning the canal concluded on November 18, 1901. But I have not come to you to urge my personal views. I have come to state to you a fact and a situation. Whatever may be our own differences of opinion concerning this much-debated measure its meaning is not debated outside the United States.

"Everywhere else the language of the treaty is given but one interpretation, and that interpretation precludes the exemption I am asking you to repeal. We consented to the treaty; its language we accepted, if we did not originate it, and we are too big, too powerful, too self-respecting a nation to interpret with too strained or refined a reading the words of our own promises just because we have power enough to give us leave to read them as we please.

"The large thing to do is the only thing we can afford to do—a voluntary withdrawal from a position everywhere questioned and misunderstood. We ought to reverse our action without raising the question whether we were right or wrong, and so once more deserve our reputation for generosity and the redemption of every obligation without quibble or hesitation.

"I ask this of you in support of the foreign policy of the Administration. I shall not know how to deal with other matters of even greater delicacy and nearer consequence if you do not grant it to me in ungrudging measure."

AN INSURRECTION IN RIO JANEIRO

Brazilian Officers and Editor Placed Under Arrest.

CONDITIONS BECOME SERIOUS

Business Virtually Suspended in General States In Which the Negro Population Predominates.

Rio Janeiro, Brazil.—The Brazilian government authorities proclaimed a state of siege in the cities of Rio Janeiro, Niteroy and Petropolis. This is to remain in force until March 31.

The government's action is taken as a preventive measure against any possible troubles.

Disturbances were feared from certain elements of the population as a result of the recent insurrection in the Province of Ceara, where the situation is reported worse.

The managing editors of three of the principal newspapers—A Epoca, Correio Da Noite and O Imparcial—were placed under arrest, while Generals Thaumaturgo, Azevedo and Feliciano Mendes de Moraes, two colonels and some other officers of the army were also made prisoners.

A strict censorship was immediately established by the government on telegraphic communications, and all the troops were confined to barracks in readiness for any eventualities.

There were no disorders in the federal capital.

Buenos Aires.—Reports have been current for some time that a revolutionary movement was in existence in the Brazilian States of Pernambuco, Ceara and Para, and that fighting was in progress between the local forces and the government authorities.

The causes of the disaffection were said to have been racial differences. In the last week of February a body of fanatics was reported to be marching on Rio Janeiro.

The situation in the various states was reported as becoming worse, especially in Ceara. Business was said to be virtually suspended in several states, chiefly those where the negro population was very numerous. The State of Ceara at the last census had a population of about 850,000. Para 450,000 and Pernambuco 1,200,000.

PRIEST KILLED IN NEW YORK.

Father Novak Falls Between Two Subway Cars.

New York.—The Rev. Alexis Novak, a Catholic priest, visiting here from Taylor, Pa., died in a hospital to which he had been removed after falling between two cars from a subway platform at Times Square. The police were unable to find any witnesses to tell how the accident occurred.

ARMY OF UNEMPLOYED ON HIKE.

24 Companies Of 90 Men Start From 'Frisco For Washington.

San Francisco.—An "army of the unemployed" broke camp on a vacant lot here and started on a march to Washington, D. C. There are 24 companies of 90 men each, and the men have all of the officers of a military regiment except a paymaster. They were led by buglers and drummers. "Gen." C. T. Kelly is the commanding officer.

BRYAN'S NEW GRANDCHILD.

Her Arrival Delays Important Conference With Diplomat.

Washington.—A new baby girl at Secretary Bryan's home here delayed a conference with the British ambassador and also the Cabinet meeting. Mr. Bryan telephoned his office and the White House that he would be late and announced the birth of a girl to his daughter, Mrs. Richard L. Hargreaves, of Lincoln, Neb. Mr. Bryan now has six grandchildren.

GOETHALS GETS ANOTHER MEDAL.

Distinguished Men At Exercises In New York.

New York.—In recognition of his work as chief engineer in the construction of the Panama Canal Col. George W. Goethals received at Carnegie Hall the Civic Forum Medal of Honor. It was the first time the medal had been bestowed for distinguished service. John H. Finley, state commissioner of education, presided as chairman and also read the speech of presentation prepared by Joseph H. Choate, who was unable to attend owing to illness.

CANAL BUILDER GUEST OF HONOR

Notable Tribute Paid to Colonel Goethals.

PRESIDENT CONFERS MEDAL

Members Of the Cabinet, Judges of the Supreme Court and Many Prominent Officials Present.

Washington.—Washington tributes to Colonel George Washington Goethals, builder of the Panama Canal. The occasion was the annual banquet of the National Geographic Society, with Colonel Goethals present as the guest of honor, and to receive from the hand of President Wilson a special gold medal awarded him by the society in recognition of his wonderful achievement.

Secretary Bryan, of the State Department, was toastmaster, and gathered about the banquet table with the distinguished scientists of the society were President Wilson and his cabinet, justices of the Supreme Court, members of the diplomatic corps, high officers of the Army and Navy, leaders in both houses of Congress and other notable figures in the life of the national capital.

During the evening Jules L. Jusserand, the French ambassador, and one of the diplomatic corps, was formally notified of his election to honorary membership in the society.

The banquet hall presented a striking scene. At one end, raised high above the table the words "Atlantic Goethals-Pacific" blazed in brilliant electric letters as all other lights were extinguished. As though it had been pre-arranged this brought a roar of applause from the assembling ice-cream was served the diners from miniature dredges, carried by waiters dressed in the uniform of the United States Engineer Corps, and followed by sailors bearing a tiny battleship. Individual dishes of cream appeared moulded in the shape of the Panama Canal dump car.

The medal awarded Colonel Goethals was of heavy Roman gold. It was given as an expression of the appreciation of the society and the nation of the Army engineer's distinguished service. Its presentation was the first act of President Wilson's first year as chief executive of the United States.

Inscribed on the medals were the words: "This medal of the National Geographic Society is awarded to George Washington Goethals, to whose ability and patriotism the world owes the construction of the Panama Canal, March 3, 1914."

COUNSELOR MOORE QUILTS JOB

Chief Adviser On Foreign Affairs Of Wilson Administration.

Washington.—John Bassett Moore, counselor of the State Department and the recognized strong man of the present Administration on international questions, concluded his service with the Government Wednesday, when President Wilson accepted the resignation Dr. Moore had submitted a month ago. Coming at the present time when international affairs occupy the forefront of official and public attention, the departure of Dr. Moore from a position second only to that of Mr. Bryan attracted widespread attention and comment.

STOLE \$10,000 IN CHECKS.

Arrest Of Negro Reveals Theft Of Mail Pouch.

Joliet, Ill.—The arrest of a negro youth here charged with attempting to pass a check on a saloonkeeper, revealed to postoffice authorities the theft of a mail sack containing \$10,000 in uncancelled checks. Leroy Martin, the negro, is said to have admitted to Samuel J. Killian that he stole the sack from the railroad station at Lockport, Ill., last night. Scott he said, was to meet him at Bloomington tonight.

BANDIT ROBS A MAIL CAR.

Holds Up Clerk On Southern Train and Carries Off Registered Matter.

Columbia, S. C.—A bandit robbed the mail car of Southern Railway train No. 11, Charleston to Columbia, just as the train reached Columbia. The robber covered the mail clerk with a revolver, secured several sacks containing registered mail and jumped off the train. No arrests have been made. C. E. Thomas, in charge of the mail car, reported the robbery when the train reached the Union Station.

SIX DAYS WITHOUT FOOD.

West Virginia Farmer Dying From Exposure In Blizzard.

Parkersburg, W. Va.—Marooned on his farm house at Sandhill, this county since Sunday, without food or drink, and unable to provide himself with fuel, James Crooks, a farmer, was found unconscious by neighbors. He is in a dying condition from starvation and freezing. Crooks was a resident for several years.

RAVAGED BY HUNGRY WOLVES

Starving Animals Descend Upon Sheep in Italy.

Rome.—Hordes of starving wolves driven from the Apennine Mountains by the heavy snows descended by the valleys of the Abruzzi Province and in the vicinity of Rome and devoured hundreds of sheep. The wolves afterward took refuge in the caves of Mount Soracte, about 25 miles north of Rome. Parties of armed peasants have gone to hunt them, and according to the latest reports have killed a large number of the animals.