

# 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.

## METER RULES TO BE READY SOON

### Public Service Board Will Announce Regulations Shortly.

### WILL STANDARDIZE METERS.

Harrisburg.—It is probable that the State Public Service Commission soon will be able to put into effect its regulations for the use of meters of various kinds in Pennsylvania, a subject which has been handled by Commissioner S. L. Tone and which has been studied by him in conjunction with Prof. L. H. Harris, of the University of Pittsburgh, and Prof. E. F. Fernald, of the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Tone has been making a special study of the subject in the Pittsburgh district which affords good opportunities for such observations. The regulations will standardize meters and provide for testing and other details of operation, the subject having been one brought to the attention of the commission several times. There will be separate sets of regulations for water, gas, electricity and steam and they will be made effective in the State this summer. This will probably be the most sweeping action to be taken by the commission, affecting far more people than the orders relating to railroads.

### Instruction Camp June 7

Harrisburg.—Announcement was made in general orders issued by the National Guard headquarters that the camp of instruction for officers of the organized militia would be held at Mt. Gretna from June 7 to June 11, inclusive. The fixing of the June date is believed here to mean that the engagements will not be held until the middle of July. Major General C. B. Dougherty, commanding the division, is to command the camp, which will be erected as a regimental camp, each regiment being assigned to a company street and all officers will waive questions of rank. The officers authorized to attend are officers of engineer companies, field, staff and line officers, except medical officers and chaplains and officers of the adjutant general, inspector general, quartermaster's and subsistence departments. Per diem pay will be allowed only to officers who attend camp for four consecutive days.

### Philadelphia Heads Commission.

The State Economy and Efficiency Commission named by the Governor a few days ago in accordance with the action of the Legislature providing for a study of the methods of business of the State government, was organized here and begun work. The commission is to make its recommendations to the Governor November 1. Harry S. McDevitt, Philadelphia, was elected chairman, and Henry D. Jones, Montrose, former cashier of the State Treasury, secretary, Jacob Soffer, Pittsburgh, is the third member. Ard C. Steel, Altoona, formerly a clerk in the State Treasury, was elected clerk. Governor Tener explained to the commissioners the purpose of the commission, stating that it provided for an inquiry into the duties and compensation of every one connected with the State government.

### Nominating Petitions Filed.

The first nominating petitions to be filed by a candidate for a nomination to be made by the voters of the State at large this year were entered for Superior Court Judge Frank M. Trexler, of Allentown. The petition is the largest to be filed this year.

House.—P. B. Cutshall, Huntingdon, Republican, Huntingdon county; A. L. Landis, Juniata, Republican, Second Blair, and James Dunlavey, Lost Creek, Socialist, First Schuylkill.

State Committee.—C. H. Uhl, Democrat, Somerset; Harvey A. Demmy, Republican, Susquehanna.

Nominating petitions were filed at the capitol as follows:

Assembly.—Judson W. Stone, Republican, Bradford; James H. Gallagher, Republican and Democrat, Second District, Allegheny; John H. Munley, Democrat, Fifth Lackawanna; Ansel Ulman, Democrat, Lycoming; Jacob W. Smith, Democrat, Carbon.

State Committee.—A. F. Hess, Democrat, Clarion; Arthur McGregor, Democrat, McKean.

### No-Licenses Workers.

The first State convention of the "No-License League" was held here. Delegates were present from nearly fifty counties. Plans for a general campaign for "dry" counties were made and the experience of the present year gone over.

Major John K. Royal welcomed the delegates and the speakers included John H. Cole, of the Inter-County Federation; Prof. Charles Scanlon, Pittsburgh; Charles W. Hull, Millersville; Dr. William Woodfin, Swarthmore College; Prof. J. Elmer Campbell, New Castle, and District Attorney R. G. Miller, Washington county.

## THE NEWS TOLD IN PARAGRAPHS

### Latest Happenings Gleaned From All Over the State.

### LIVE NOTES AND COMMENTS.

### Brakeman Crushed To Death At Reading—Berwick Masonic Club Elects New Officers—Tries To Blow Up His Home.

During a sermon at the River Brethren Church, at Mastersonsville, Samuel Kulp was stricken with heart disease and died almost instantly.

The York County Commissioners have refused to pay bounty for the killing of obnoxious animals and birds. About \$500 in claims is filed.

John Cooper, of Columbia, is charged, threw a stick of dynamite into the kitchen stove with the intention of blowing up his home. It failed to explode and he is in jail.

The commencement exercises of the high school at Hallam, were held when a class of seven girls was graduated. Miss Greta Kise was valedictorian, and Miss Carrie Wolf, salutatorian. Prof. J. F. Krebs delivered an address.

John J. Monaghan, of Norristown, a brakeman on a passenger train on the Schuylkill division of the Pennsylvania, was caught between his train and a caboose while shifting at Reading, and was crushed to death.

Stanley G. Brenesier, an artist of Reading, will be married April 30, to Miss Elizabeth C. Day, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. T. Day, of Washington. The honeymoon will be spent in the art centers of England, France and Italy.

Surgeons at the State Hospital at Ashland, operating on Michael Foley, of Mahanoy City, for appendicitis, found a bent pin in the boy's appendix. Young Foley had no recollection of swallowing a pin. He will recover.

The Alliance Coal Company, controlled by the L. C. & N. Co., is planning to open the Kaska William Colliery, in the Schuylkill Valley, near Middleport. This has been closed for months.

Mary M. Goff took poison while being taken from Hanover to Baltimore, by W. W. Smeak, chief of police, of Hanover. She is charged with forgery by a Baltimore firm. She was taken to a hospital there.

Professor Thomas S. Cole, of Chester, superintendent of the public schools, has received the silver loving cup which is to be awarded to the Larkin Grammar School for winning the recent cross-country run.

The Second Ward Yacht Club, of Chester, has elected the following officers: President, Edward Pike; secretary, Hilyard Cummings; treasurer, John E. Rankin; treasurer, Harry Upton.

The old Leiper School House, on the Fairview Road, in Leiper, was destroyed by fire. The building was abandoned as a school a year ago, and has been occupied by Antonio Regerio and family, who fled from the fire over a roof.

Berwick Lodge of Odd Fellows has elected the following officers: Noble grand, W. E. Bond; vice-grand, T. R. Fairman; financial secretary, A. G. Birt; recording secretary, C. K. Croft; representative to Grand Lodge, H. E. Walton.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eves, of Millerville, who were married by the Friends' ceremony in 1864, celebrated their golden wedding. Twenty persons who signed the original wedding certificate were present. The couple has one daughter, Mrs. H. S. Christian, of Millville.

The Masonic Club, of Berwick, has elected the following officers: President, Moss L. Elder; vice-presidents, Alexander C. Jackson and J. J. Kostebaude; secretary, Fred Walton; treasurer, Taylor Evans; members of Board of Governors, Harry Straub and H. J. Kirkendall.

Chester's new budget of appropriations follows: Department of Public Affairs, \$18,675; Department of Accounts and Finance, \$14,725; Department of Public Safety, \$23,180; Department of Streets and Public Improvements, \$15,525; Department of Parks and Public Property, \$23,900.

H. V. White, president of the White Milling Company, of Bloomsburg, State miller and cereal expert, has been directed by the Department of Labor and Industry, to appoint a committee and prepare a code of rules and regulations governing protection for the machines and equipment of mill, elevator and warehouse buildings in the State.

## BOY KILLED BY CAR MOB AFTER CREW

### Fred Hause Drives in a Burning Automobile.

### BOY FALLS INTO STREAM.

Pittsburgh.—Only the prompt arrival of a squad of police saved a motorman and conductor from injury at the hands of an angry crowd in Bedford avenue following the running down and killing of Samuel Snyder, four years old, by a street car. Motorman William Park and Conductor A. L. Habberman were chased several squares by the excited residents who hurled stones and other missiles. Every window in the street car was broken and several passengers had narrow escapes from injury. The police arrested three men and hurried the street car men from the danger zone.

Crowd Stones Car Crew.

### Pennsylvania Lines Promotions.

Pittsburgh.—Promotions on the Pennsylvania Lines West were announced at the general offices here as follows: W. D. Wood, superintendent of the Eastern Division of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad, to be general manager of the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad, with headquarters at Grand Rapids, Mich.; F. J. Kron, superintendent of the Logansport Division of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad, to succeed Mr. Wood; R. K. Rochester, superintendent of the Peoria Division of the Vandalia Line to succeed Mr. Kron; J. F. Patterson, trainmaster of the Western Division of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad, to succeed Mr. Rochester. The promotions are effective at once.

Price Of Coal Falls.

Pottsville.—For the first time in years this part of the anthracite coal region shared in the general reduction of the price of coal. Chestnut and stove coal were reduced ten cents a ton and egg coal twenty-seven cents a ton, making the price of the latter \$3.78. Towns near collieries, where railroad transportation is not needed were given a cut of sixty-five cents a ton on nut coal and fifty cents a ton on stove and broken coal.

### Woman Stabbed By Boarder.

Pottsville.—Mrs. Paul Ketchel, of New Castle, was probably fatally stabbed by Charles Powan, a boarder. The woman, who was stabbed near the heart, is in a dying condition at the Pottsville Hospital, and District Attorney C. A. Whitehouse has taken her ante-mortem statement, in which she accuses Powan of the deed. The latter was committed to jail without bail. The victim has three children, the oldest being but four years old.

Sub-District Chairmen Assigned.

Shamokin.—President James Matthews, of District No. 9, United Mine Workers of America, divided the territory as follows: Sub-district No. 1, chairman, George Rittman, Silver Creek; No. 2, Stiney Geuzins, Mahanoy City; No. 3, Michael J. McGrath, Lost Creek; No. 4, John Hollister, Shamokin. Each chairman is a member of the District Executive Board.

Paid Firemen Opposed.

Reading.—The Liberty Fire Company at a meeting went on record as the first of the thirteen volunteer fire companies to sanction the decision of its representatives to support a referendum vote on whether a paid fire department shall be substituted for the present system. Council favors the abolition of the present system and the volunteers oppose it.

### Drives In Burning Auto.

Pottsville.—An automobile was burned at Mount Carbon and Fred Hause, the driver, had a narrow escape from death. Although Hause's machine was a flaming torch as he sped along the highway and the gasoline tank was in danger of exploding, he did not notice his peril until the flames licked his coat tails. Then he ran the machine into a bank where it was destroyed, including tools and blankets.

Boy Falls Into Stream.

Shamokin.—John Augue, thirteen years old, while playing with several companions on top of a hill near Edge-crook Park started to run, when his feet slipped. He fell one hundred feet into a creek. Miners on their way from work jumped into the stream and saved him from drowning. He was so severely injured by the fall that he probably will die.

Postoffice Robbed Of \$1,000.

Meadville.—Thomas Wallace, postmaster at Millerville, near here, discovered that he had been robbed of \$1,000 in money and stamps. Entrance to his house was gained, Wallace thinks, while he and his family were at church.

## BURNS' REPORT CLEARS FRANK

### Detective Says He Knows Who Killed Mary Phagan.

### DECLARES FRANK NORMAL

Investigator Does Not Say Definitely That Convicted Man Is Not Factory Employee's Slayer.

Chicago, Ill.—William J. Burns, the detective, declared here that he knew who murdered Mary Phagan, the Atlanta (Ga.) girl for whose death Leo M. Frank is under sentence of death. Whether the murderer was Frank or someone else, in his opinion, Burns would not say, but he intimated that from his investigations and comparing their results with the results of the coroner's jury, he did not think Frank the sort of man capable of making the attack on the girl alleged to have preceded her murder.

Burns, on his arrival from Kansas City, related this of his investigation. He said his attention had first been called to the case by a young man from Atlanta who was a passenger on a steamer from Europe. The young man expressed his regret that Burns had not become interested in the case before the arrest and conviction of Frank. Through him Burns read in newspapers of the trial and concluded, from the accounts he saw, that Frank was guilty. Later, while he was in Key West, three citizens of Atlanta, including two personal friends of Frank, saw the detective and asked him to undertake an investigation of the case.

Frank Not Abnormal.

At first, Burns said, he refused on the ground that if Frank were guilty his investigation and final conclusion to that effect could only hurt the defendant, while if the investigation tended to show doubt of Frank's guilt, it might serve to thwart justice. Frank's friends declared that they believed he had not been given a fair trial; that he was innocent of the crime, but that if guilty they wanted indisputable evidence of his guilt.

Burns then took the case. His investigations soon showed him, he said, first, that public clamor, after a crime wave, had resulted in the police making extraordinary efforts to adduce evidence tending to convict Frank, and second, that a report making out Frank a man of abnormal characteristics was commonly circulated through the city, putting public opinion strongly against him.

His inquiries then convinced Burns that Frank was a perfectly normal man. On the other hand, the testimony of physicians was to the effect that the one who attacked Mary Phagan was abnormal.

### AT WHITE HOUSE FOR 33 YEARS.

President Wilson Joins In Congratulations To Warren Young.

Washington, D. C.—The President and Mrs. Wilson joined a host of public officials in extending congratulations to Warren Young, of Ohio, upon his thirty-third anniversary as a member of the executive staff at the White House. Mr. Young's office was banked with flowers, one large bunch of which came from the President and Mrs. Wilson. The veteran official went to the White House under his personal friend, former President Garfield, and it was he that the martyred executive called to his bedside when he was shot.

### TARIFF FORECAST CORRECT.

May Not Reduce Customs Revenue Any More Than Expected.

Washington, D. C.—The Underwood-Simmons tariff act went into effect six months ago and present indications are that it will not reduce customs revenue any more than was estimated in Congress at the time of passage. According to the Treasury's March statement customs revenues amounted to about \$26,000,000, which is about \$1,500,000 less than the Payne-Adrich law produced in March, 1913. That was a marked increase over February, when revenues fell over \$10,000,000 compared to the same month of 1913.

### COMMODORE DYER DEAD.

Commanded Gunboat in Spanish War.

Winter Park, Fla.—Commodore Geo. I. Dyer, U. S. N., retired, who commanded the gunboat Stranger during the war with Spain and later was appointed first governor of Guam, died of heart failure at his home here. He was 64 years old, and was retired in 1908.

### PAY FOR INJURIES AND DEATH.

House Agrees On Government Workmen's Compensation Bill.

Washington, D. C.—A bill for workmen's compensation for employees of the Government, agreed upon by the House Judiciary Committee, provides fixed payments to workmen injured by or to families of employees killed in the course of their work. The bill is expected to care for many cases for which Congress has found it necessary to pass special claim bills.

### TO TEACH JOURNALISM.

J. S. Myers, Pittsburgh Editor, To Direct Ohio School.

Columbus, O.—With the beginning of the fall term at Ohio State University, Joseph S. Myers, managing editor of the Pittsburgh Post, will become director of the university school of journalism. His selection was announced at the university. It was stated that he had agreed to accept the place. Myers graduated from Ohio State in 1887. He was born in Columbus and began newspaper work here.

### HELLO GIRLS' STRIKE FAILS.

Walkout and Rioting in Canton, O., All in Vain.

Canton, O.—A strike of telephone operators against the Stark Telephone Company was settled. The strike resulted in several riots and the destruction of a considerable amount of property during the seven weeks it was in progress. Under the terms of settlement the operators are to resume work with the company without any advance in wages and without recognition of the union.

### FOUND DEAD ON PUBLIC ROAD.

New Revolver Beside Body Of Jersey Business Man.

Arlington, N. J.—Adolph Amann, president of the Arlington Board of Trade, and one of the town's leading business men, was found dead on the turnpike three miles from the town, a bullet hole in his head and a new revolver beside him. Apparently it was a case of suicide. Automobiles came across the body still warm. The suicide leaves a widow and two children. No motive for his act could be learned.

## EMBARRASSING MOMENTS



## FIVE HOTELS BURN IN ST. AUGUSTINE

### Two Blocks of Winter Resort Swept By Flames.

### TWO ARE HURT BY JUMPING

Hostelry Employees Arouse Sleeping Tourists and Hurry Them To Safety In Scanty Attire.

St. Augustine, Fla.—Historic St. Augustine, the oldest city in the United States, was swept by a half-million-dollar fire that destroyed five tourists' hotels and burned records and curios dating back to the days of Spanish rule in the sixteenth century. Two persons were seriously injured.

Guests in the hotels fled into the streets before day, many leaving valuables and personal belongings behind. Several escaped clad only in their sleeping apparel.

Rescue work by the employes of the Florida House, where the fire originated, is believed to have saved many lives. Going through the smoke-filled halls, they quickly aroused sleeping guests and hurried them out of the burning building.

Notwithstanding efforts of the Florida House employes, about 200 guests who were slow in being aroused were rescued by firemen with ladders. Although all persons remaining in the building were warned not to jump, firemen were unsuccessful in preventing two persons from leaping from the second floor of the Florida House. They were Miss Alice C. Smith, of Ancher, Nova Scotia, and W. F. Giddings, of Grandy, Quebec. Miss Smith sustained an injured spine and broken leg. One of Mr. Giddings' ankles was broken and he was otherwise hurt.

## SEALERS PERISH ON ICE FLOES

### Death Traveled in a Terrific Blizzard.

### OVER 1,000 MEN ESCAPE

St. Johns, N. F.—Death traveled in a gale that overtook the sealing fleets about here. The steamer Newfoundland lost 64 of her crew, 37 being rescued by the steamers Ballaventure and the Florizel, which were sent out to search for the men.

Great alarm was felt for the steamer Southern Cross, with a crew of 170 men, which has not been reported since she passed Cape Pine, bound in, but which it was learned from wireless messages, to be safe at Channel, Newfoundland.

The men lost were far from their ships killing seals when the storm, with blinding snow, swooped down upon them. They were exposed for 48 hours before assistance arrived, and in that time many succumbed.

The Newfoundland was one of a fleet of 15 ships, carrying more than 2,000 men, scattered among the ice floes near Belle Isle Strait. The crews were on the floes hunting seals, which have their homes on these crystal plains, and the hunt had taken them from four to six miles from their ships.

## OLD PAPERS MERGE.

### The New Orleans Times-Democrat and The Picayune.

New Orleans, La.—The Times-Democrat and The Picayune, two of the oldest morning newspapers in the United States, will be consolidated, according to announcement here. When the merger will be made was not said. The consolidated papers probably will be published as The Times-Picayune. The Picayune has been published continuously for 87 years. It has been in the hands of the Nicholson family for almost a half-century.

## WOMAN COPS IN PITTSBURGH.

### Four Appointed To Look Out For Girls and Women.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—C. H. Hubbard, director of Public Safety, announced the appointment of four police women, the first in Pittsburgh. They are attached to the Secret Service division, and their names are known to none but the directors and the officers to whom they will report. They will look after young girls coming to the city and investigate violations of the law in cafes where liquor is served to women and in other ways look after women.

## TWO ARE KILLED BY FREIGHT.

### View Of Fight Too Much For Aged Man and Woman.

Worcester, Mass.—Patrick Eagleton, 70 years old, and Mrs. Dennis Arsenal, 60 years old, of Spencer, street, dropped dead from fright in the street here as they witnessed a three-cornered fight between Martin Niederberger, a chauffeur, and Stanley Orrutt and Charles Bannon, employes of a cereal company, who were distributing samples in the town. Deputy Sheriff Geo. H. Ramer and Constable John M. Norton arrested the three men.

## TOOK 9 PASSENGERS 5,280 FEET.

### French Aviator Establishes New Record—Remaining Up 54 Minutes.

Chartres, France.—Aviator Garaix established another passenger-carrying aeroplane altitude record when he ascended to a height of 5,280 feet with nine passengers. Saturday Garaix sailed a mile in the air with eight passengers in his biplane, but repeated with an additional passenger. Garaix and his passengers were in the air 54 minutes.

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## TWELVE RESERVE BANKS ARE NAMED

### Baltimore Placed in the Richmond District.

### BRANCH BANKS NOT NAMED

Washington, D. C.—After three months of consideration the Reserve Bank Organization Committee announced that it has divided the Continental United States into 12 banking districts and selected 12 cities where Federal reserve banks are to be located under the new Banking and Currency law. This is the first and decisive step toward the establishment of the new system.

Baltimore lost its fight for a regional bank and was placed in the Fifth, or Richmond, district.

The regional bank cities, which will be the Federal reserve centers for each region, are: Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Dallas, Minneapolis, Kansas City and San Francisco.

## SPUR TRACK RATES HALTED.

### Only Those Railroads Which Have Been Heard Are Granted Delay.

Washington, D. C.—The Interstate Commerce Commission Tuesday suspended until July 30 all new tariffs filed by railroads eliminating allowance to industrial railroads with the exception of those affecting the United States Steel Corporation and other iron and steel companies. These are permitted to stand.

About 4,000 tariffs were suspended. The suspended tariffs would have become effective at midnight and were submitted in compliance with findings in the industrial railways case, when it was held that allowances and divisions of rates made by trunk lines with some Eastern roads operated by iron and steel companies were rebates and should be discontinued.

Only those industrial railways which have been heard by the commission are allowed to suspend the tariffs affecting them.

The Interstate Commerce Commission's order provides for certain hearings, but no dates have as yet been set and, as it is not likely they will be held before fall, the commission is expected to suspend the tariffs further before the present extension expires.

## MEDAL FOR BRAKEMAN.

### President To Confer Honor On Man Who Saved Life Of Child.

Washington, D. C.—On the recommendation of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the President will confer a medal of honor for bravery on A. C. Werner, of Smithville, Texas, a brakeman, Kansas and Texas Railway. Werner saved a 6-year-old child from death near Smithville. While a string of box cars was running backward the child stood in the middle of the track, apparently paralyzed with fear. Werner climbed from the rear car, picked up the child and jumped clear of the track just as the car passed.

## BIG PROFIT MADE ON HARD COAL.

### New Jersey Legislative Report Says About Forty Men Control Supply.

Trenton, N. J.—Seven leading railroads, or about 40 men, control 87 per cent. of the total anthracite mined, fixed prices of upward of 200 per cent. profit and through selling companies technically evade Federal laws, declared the coal investigating committee of the New Jersey Assembly in its report to the House. That combinations among retail coal dealers to fix prices are conspicuous, was also charged.

## 3 FEET TALL; WEIGHS 41 1/2 LBS.

### Therefore, French Conscript Is Excused From Military Duty.

Paris.—A French conscript named De Prance was excused from military duty because when he reported at the depot he was found to be only three feet in height and weighed only 41 1/2 pounds.

## MOB LYNCHES NEGRESS.

### Oklahoma Woman Is Hanged To Plethoric Cable For Stabbing Man.

Wagoner, Okla.—A mob of 100 masked men lynched Mary Scott, a negress, by hanging her to a telephone cable. She stabbed to death Leonard Peace, white, Sunday night.

## OLD SOLDIERS DYING OFF FAST.

### Over Thirty Thousand Civil War Veterans Died During Year.

Washington, D. C.—The heavy death rate among the Civil War veterans is shown in the decreased pension appropriation asked of Congress for their relief. Over 30,000 veterans have died since Congress was last asked to appropriate money for them. At the present rate it has been calculated that the Civil War pensioners will be exhausted in about 15 or 20 years.

## SEVEN BITTEN BY MAD DOGS.

### Attacked By Pekinese Canines At Children's Party.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Mrs. Robert Dyer, can her daughter, Elizabeth, and five of the latter's guest at a children's party were hurried to a hospital when it became known that two Pekinese dogs by whom the seven had been bitten showed signs of rabies. The dogs valued at \$1,000, attacked one of the little girls, and the others were bitten while trying to save her.