

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.

STATE COMMISSION MEMBERS NAMED

Tener Appoints Dr. Brumbaugh on Valley Forge Board.

FILLS OTHER VACANCIES.

Many State Charters Granted—Terminal Allowances Hearings Concluded—Hazing At University May Be Revived.

(Harrisburg Correspondence.)

Harrisburg.—Twenty-four members of state commissions and boards of trustees were made by Governor Tener, a number of them being reappointments, while others were to fill vacancies.

The appointments were as follows: Commissioners of Valley Forge Park—Martin G. Brumbaugh, Philadelphia; John F. Nicholson, Philadelphia; J. P. Hale Jenkins, Norristown; William A. Patton, Philadelphia; Richmond L. Jones, Reading; Theodore E. Weidersheim, Philadelphia.

Members of the Commission of the Pennsylvania Village for Feeble-Minded Women—Dr. J. M. Murdock, Warren; Mrs. J. Hay Brown, Lancaster.

Members of the Building Commission for State Industrial Home for Women—George Q. Horwitz, Philadelphia; J. H. Weaver, Williamsport.

Member of the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Industrial Reformatory, Huntingdon—George H. Stewart, Shippensburg.

Trustees of the Pennsylvania State Lunatic Hospital, Harrisburg—Daniel C. Herr, Harrisburg; Henry M. Stine, Harrisburg; John F. Meitzer, Ephrata; W. H. Schwartz, Altoona; W. C. Freeman, Lebanon.

Trustees of the State Institution for the Chronic Insane, Wernersville—Henry M. Dechert, Philadelphia; Savery Bradley, Philadelphia.

Trustee of the State Hospital for Injured Persons of the Anthracite Coal Region at Ashland—Harrison Ball, Mahanoy City.

Hazing At University May Be Revived.

Hazing will probably be re-established at the University of Pennsylvania next year. Such action is being contemplated by the Undergraduate Committee as a result of the "freshness" of this year's Freshman class, the members of which have refused to abide by the set of rules governing Freshman conduct.

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KEYSTONE STATE IN SHORT ORDER

Latest News Happenings Gathered From Here and There.

TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS

Ashland To Improve the Water Supply At a Cost of \$50,000—Young Son Of Mrs. Bush Drowned In Gas Plant Race.

Benjamin Walp, a Civil War veteran, died at his home at Catauaqua, of paralysis.

Borough Council, of Ashland, has decided to improve the water supply system at a cost of not less than \$50,000.

The commencement exercises of the Honeybrook High School were held and nine students graduated.

Nearly 100 pounds of brass was stolen from the American Dyewood Company's plant, Chester.

The body of Stephen Collis, of Coalport, who was drowned in the Packer Dam a month ago, was found on the breast of the Mauch Chunk Dam.

Grant Holler died at the Coaldele Hospital of injuries received when he was squeezed between cars at No. 6 colliery.

Camp No. 112, P. O. S. of A., of Shenandoah, celebrated its forty-fifth anniversary with an entertainment and banquet.

Lamokin Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men, celebrated its twenty-sixth anniversary with a musical and literary entertainment at Chester.

The thirtieth anniversary of Linwood Lodge, Knights of Pythias, was celebrated at the headquarters of the organization in Marcus Hook.

J. Jeremiah Snyder, an Allentown lawyer and newspaper man, spoke at Muhlenberg College on "The Making of a Newspaper."

John B. Stuart, for forty years master car builder for the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, died at his home in Allentown.

William Walters, of West Chester, has been appointed local officer of the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Prizes were awarded Miss Anna Oswald, Joseph Kleckner, Joseph Brockman and Paul Memmert, who were declared the four best debaters in the Nazareth high school.

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CHURCH LEADERS HURT IN DUEL

Golden Eagles to Meet at Lebanon Next Year.

KILLED BY MINE CARS

Hurt In Umbrella Duel; Church Leader May Die—Allentown Shriners Fail To Get Temple—Inspector Of Bridges Named.

Hurt in Umbrella Duel. Allentown.—Alexander Machibuta lies in the Allentown Hospital in a critical condition from a wound in his lung, inflicted, it is charged, by the steel point of Nicholas Kratsichin's umbrella.

Kratsichin is locked up pending the result of his alleged victim's injuries, which the surgeons say are fatal.

A Northampton church is divided in two factions, it is said, and the men involved in the affair are looked upon as leaders of the rival divisions.

At the close of the services the men met on the street, each carrying an umbrella, and a quarrel ensued over property rights in the church and on the question of proselytizing.

The men, who are said to have been soldiers, engaged in a duel, using their umbrellas as swords. After many thrusts were made and parried, Machibuta fell when the point of the umbrella penetrated his right lung.

Fail To Get Temple.

Allentown.—The effort of the Allentown delegation to get a temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for this city met with failure at the imperial council at Atlanta, Ga.

The appeal of Allentown was as earnestly opposed by Reading Shriners as it was prosecuted by the nobles of Allentown.

The local delegation lost in committee and carried the fight to the floor of the convention.

The Allentown Shriners were fortified with a certified check for ten thousand dollars to show their good faith.

They lost on the ground that to establish a new temple the consent of the mother temple is necessary, and this consent the majority of the members of Rajah Temple, of Reading, refused to give.

New Officers Installed.

York.—Officers of the Grand Commandery, Knights of Malta were installed at the closing session of the twenty-second annual convocation, and commandery committees were appointed by Grand Commander Harry F. Fisher, of Braddock.

Four new grand officers were selected as follows: Grand standard bearer, George E. Orme, of McKees Rocks Commandery, Pittsburgh; grand sword bearer, J. Henry Miller, Noble Commandery, York; grand first guard, E. K. Mersinger, Reading, and grand second guard, W. E. Braunlich, North Side Commandery, Pittsburgh.

Woman To Get \$200,000.

Northumberland.—Mrs. John Kane, wife of a real estate salesman who worked for a local lot selling agency at \$15 a week, several months ago took options on 200 acres of what was believed to be oil or gas bearing lands, near Ridgeway, in Elk county.

The flyer cost \$50, she said. Last week a test well was sunk on the land adjoining her lease, and a gas gusher was struck. She sold part of it for \$500 an acre, and received an offer that will net her about \$200,000.

This, she says, she will accept as soon as the details can be arranged.

Leaves \$200,000 Estate.

Allentown.—In the will of Miss Kate S. Grim, of this city, probated here, bequests are made to local charities as follows: Allentown Hospital, \$2,000; St. John's Lutheran Church, Muhlenberg College, Young Men's Christian Association, Young Woman's Christian Association, Good Shepherd Home, \$1,000 each; Reserve Mission and Day Nursery, \$500 each. The remainder of \$200,000 is divided among relatives.

Inspector Of Bridges Named.

Norristown.—The County Commissioners have created a new job. It is Inspector of Roads and Bridges. The salary is \$120 a month. The first incumbent is Frank Raab, of Moreland. The proposition was made by James Krewson, of Cheltenham. He was supported by another Old York Road resident, Harman Y. Bready. A. Fred Taylor, of Senatoga, opposed the move.

Two Killed In Mines.

Shenandoah.—Andrew Pantonis, forty years old, and Joseph Yecavage, twenty-five years old, were killed at Maple Hill and Shenandoah City collieries respectively by falling coal.

Golden Eagles to Meet at Lebanon. Lancaster.—The Grand Castle Knights of the Golden Eagle concluded its business here and adjourned. Lebanon was selected as the place for next year's meeting.

Killed By Mine Cars.

Shamokin.—Enoch Lococky, twenty years old, of Kulpmont, employed at the Scott shaft, was killed when he stepped in front of a trip of wagons.

PARKS MURDER A HOSTILE ACT

United States Sends Sharp Note to Huerta.

MINISTER MUST ANSWER.

Constitutionalists Will Probably Obtain Arms Through Tampico.

Dictator's Delegates Delay Mediation.

Washington, D. C.—The United States has demanded of the Huerta Government news of the fate of Private Parks, the American infantryman who strayed into Mexico lines near Vera Cruz, declaring that unless information about him was given immediately the American Government would consider that "an unfriendly and hostile act" had been committed in violation of the understanding for a cessation of war-like moves pending mediation.

President Wilson and Secretary Bryan, drafted a strong communication after receiving word from the Brazilian Minister in Mexico City that Parks had been "executed."

No mention was made in the Minister's report of whether he was shot as a spy after a court-martial or whether his body was burned, as has been persistently reported to General Funston. The American Government cabled the Brazilian Minister to inform the Huerta Government of the strong feeling of the United States in the matter, directing him to make vigorous representations concerning the incident.

The note asked the Minister to protest to the Huerta Government that if Parks were alive the failure to explain his whereabouts was in itself an unfriendly attitude, and that if the soldier has been executed, as has been reported, such execution of a man who came into the Mexican lines in full uniform was contrary to military procedure of civilized nations and an act of hostility.

No mention was made in the American note of the course the United States intends to pursue in the matter, but an official close to the President said it was one of the things which would be held up against the Huerta government when the final reckoning came over the offenses committed against the United States.

The three South American mediators had received no communication from the United States about the Parks incident and persons in the confidence of the President said the affair probably would not interfere with the beginning of the mediation proceedings, though it was recalled in many quarters that the United States accepted the tender of good offices with the reservation that no hostile acts toward Americans should occur while the negotiations were in progress.

BALTIMORE'S BIGGEST EVENT.

Star-Spangled Banner Centennial Will Be Greatest In Its History.

Baltimore is working to make its greatest celebration in its history. It will open on September 6th and continuing for a week will have something going on every hour.

President Woodrow Wilson is the honorary president and Mayor James H. Preston, president of the Centennial Commission, while its committee are made up of the most prominent and active men of the city. Nearly a million dollars will be spent on the parades, historic pageants and illuminations.

WILL LAND WITHOUT UPROAR.

No Public Welcome Is Desired By Members Of Roosevelt Family.

New York.—Despite the fact that George W. Perkins has received suggestions from all parts of the country for a big "welcome-home" demonstration on the return of Colonel Roosevelt from South America this week, there will be no public reception for the Colonel. This was said to be due to the wishes of the family, who plan to take Colonel Roosevelt from the steamship in the harbor and go to Oyster Bay in a tug or yacht.

McREYNOLDS' AID QUILTS.

Joseph R. Darling To Take Up Work With Corporations.

Washington, D. C.—Joseph R. Darling, who for five years has been special agent of the Department of Justice and prepared for the Government the evidence in important anti-trust cases, resigned to take up work with corporations. At the request of Attorney-General McReynolds, Mr. Darling remained with the department until the cases against the Motion Picture Trust and the Harvester Trust were completed.

MINE OWNERS GIVEN 15 DAYS.

Unless Properties Are Reopened Mexicans Will Seize Them.

El Paso, Texas.—Unless American and other foreign mine owners return to the Parral district and reopen their properties within 15 days the mines will be seized and operated for the benefit of the Mexican people, according to a notice said to have been issued by Gen. Luis Herrera, jefe de las armas of the Parral district, word of which has reached mining men here.

SOUND ADVERTISING AN AID.

Does Not Lead To Destruction Of Saving Instinct.

Lawrence, Kan.—"Sound advertising does not lead to the destruction of the saving instinct of the American people nor to the reckless spending of their money. It leads to intelligent and rational spending."

This statement was made in a paper by Irvin S. Cobb, magazine writer, read at the session of the National Newspaper Conference at the University of Kansas.

WHOLE FAMILY IS MURDERED.

Mother, Brother and Sister of Politician Found Dead By Neighbors.

Ironton, Ohio.—Mrs. Matilda Massie, 70 years old; her son, Harry, 35, and her daughter, Mary, 30, were found by neighbors dead, apparently murdered, at their home at Greasy Ridge, 25 miles north of here. The dead are mother, brother and sister of W. E. Massie, prominent Democratic politician and State taxing official. A farmhouse is said to be missing.

632 AMERICANS WILL STAY.

Register At The Brazilian Legation In Mexico City.

Mexico City.—Six hundred and thirty-two names of Americans who intend to remain in Mexico were registered at the Brazilian Legation. It is possible that some of these will leave the capital later. The names of 100 Americans have been signed to a list at the American Club for passage by a special American train to Puerto Mexico, but this cannot leave until next week.

MINISTER'S SERVICES NEXT



TEN KILLED BY ACID EXPLOSION

Four Others Taken From Debris May Die.

BUILDING OBLITERATED

Most Of Victims Were Chemists At Mexican Crude Rubber Company's Plant, In Detroit.

Detroit.—Ten men, most of them chemists, were killed by the explosion of acid and chemicals in the mixing room of the Mexican Crude Rubber Company, on the West Side here. Four other employees, removed from the steaming debris, were taken to a hospital and all may die.

The building, a one-story structure of solid concrete and cement, was almost obliterated. Other buildings within a radius of a mile were more or less damaged. The loss was estimated at \$50,000.

Among those who escaped were John H. Evans, superintendent, and John C. Treadwell, manager of the plant.

Just what caused the explosion probably will never be known. In the mixing room was a large vat of molten rubber being prepared by a secret process. Without a moment's warning the building was torn to pieces. Every man who was in the mixing room at that moment was killed.

Masses of cement and concrete were found several blocks from the scene of the explosion. Nearby buildings were battered by the hail of flying stone and hundreds of windows broken. Several pedestrians had narrow escapes. A short distance from the rubber factory was the plant of the Commerce Motor Car Company, which was badly damaged.

The company manufactured imitation leather and it is understood that ether and other explosives were used in large quantities. Because of the secret process of preparing the crude rubber, employees were not allowed to leave their department to enter other parts of the plant. Few of the employees knew each other and it was some time before the victims were identified.

"Forced Loans," levied upon foreigners in Mexico, furnish further occasion for strong diplomatic representations the nearer General Carranza comes to establishing a government to which such representations can be addressed with prospects of success.

The case of William S. Benton, the British subject killed at Juarez, also looms threateningly on the Constitutionalist horizon.

Though much interested here in the sudden displacement of General Mans in command of the Federal forces outside of Vera Cruz the War Department has been unable to procure any adequate explanation, and General Funston reported that even at Vera Cruz the reason for this change is unknown.

Oil Protection.

The American government has begun representations to the Constitutionalist to secure protection for the American and other foreign operatives returning to the oil wells, the American warships have gone up the Panuco River to their old stations before the town and a return of normal conditions is confidently expected by officials here.

FOR SCHOOL SAVINGS BANKS.

New York Children To Be Made Thrifty and Wise.

New York.—To make school children thrifty as well as wise, the Board of Education here has adopted a resolution providing for the establishment of savings banks in the public schools.

PREACHER GOES TO PRISON.

White Given Six Months For Anti-Rockefeller Demonstration.

New York.—Butch White, Harvard graduate, author and socialist preacher, was sentenced to six months in the workhouse for having disturbed the services at Calvary Baptist Church on Sunday night. John D. Rockefeller and his son are members of this church, and White had entered the edifice with a number of followers as a protest against the Colorado mine strike.

CHARLES H. HIX RESIGNS.

Norfolk Southern President Says He Needs Rest.

Norfolk, Va.—Thirty-three years as a railroad man is enough for Charles H. Hix, president of the Norfolk Southern. He has tendered his resignation, to take effect May 15. From New York he sent a telegram telling why he resigned. "I have been in the railroad business for 33 years," it reads, "and I am tired and need a rest." Mr. Hix was elected president of the Norfolk Southern on November 1, 1912.

FREIGHT GOING THROUGH CANAL

Colonel Goethals Starts a Bang Service.

ALLOWS TIME FOR SLIDES

Measure Adopted To Relieve Congestion Due To Suspension Of Railroad Service Brought About By Revolution In Mexico.

Washington, D. C.—For the first time in the world history waterborne traffic is now passing through the Panama Canal.

As a matter of fact, according to Panama Railroad reports, the service actually began May 11, and a steady stream of barges is now passing through the canal.

The tremendous congestion in interstate commerce caused by suspension of service on the Tehuantepec railroad in Southern Mexico as an incident to the rebellion brought about this rather premature opening of the canal to trade. Several of the great freight liners, which in conjunction with the similar service on the Pacific maintained trade lines between Europe and the Far East via Tehuantepec, have recently appeared at Colon and Panama offering cargoes for transshipment overland far beyond the capacity of the Panama Railroad. Finding that Col. Goethals was willing to assist them by clearing an adequate channel for barges, at least through the Cucharacha slide, the company secured a lot of the barges that have been used for harbor purposes at Colon and Panama and established this service as an overflow to assist the railroad in meeting the trade demands.

Col. Goethals has not yet reported to Washington just when the canal will be opened to merchant shipping, but the understanding here is that the waterway is practically finished and that even now there is a sufficient channel through the Culebra cut for almost any warship or liner, and that it is only from a desire to avoid a possible serious accident through an unexpected renewal of the earth movements in the cut that Col. Goethals has determined to allow a period of observation before actually opening the canal.

It is understood that this barge service is to be operated on about 12-hour schedule from the Atlantic to the Pacific, which allows about an hour delay in each of the locks.

CAVALRY CAMP OPENS JULY 13.

Three Regiments Will Hold Manoeuvres At Winchester.

Winchester, Va.—The Second Cavalry, now at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, will break camp there in a day or two and begin its march to Winchester for the summer manoeuvres, reaching here on July 10. The regiment will have its own band, 49 commissioned officers, 750 enlisted men, 500 mules and horses, wagons and other equipment. It has also been learned that the Fifth Regiment of Cavalry, now at a northern fort, will arrive in Winchester about the same time, and another regiment not as yet designated, with some artillery and machine gun platoons, is expected.

SCRAP IN BRYAN'S OFFICE.

Conner, Dismissed Consul, in Fight With Clerk.

Washington, D. C.—The dove of peace in the office of Secretary of State Bryan was rudely disturbed when Jacob E. Conner, formerly consul at St. Petersburg, and Frank N. Bauskett, Secretary Bryan's confidential clerk, engaged in a fist fight. Mr. Conner objected to being delayed in Secretary Bryan's ante room while other visitors saw the Secretary and engaged in an argument with Bauskett which developed into a physical encounter.

WOMEN "COPS" FOR SALEM.

They Used To Take Care Of Hordes of Mayor Says.

Salem, Mass.—Salem is to have two policewomen appointed to the force. Mayor Hurley said: "In our grandmothers' day women took care of the house. But today we can use women cops."

ANOTHER TONGUE IS ADDED.

Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" Now Printed In 115 Languages.

London.—Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" has just been printed in the Swahili language, making the one hundred and fifteenth distinct tongue in which it has been published to date.

BOMB THROWN INTO HOUSE.

Three Women Injured and One May Lose Her Sight.

Kingston, N. Y.—A bomb thrown mysteriously into a bedroom occupied by Mrs. Darwin Hinckley and her two daughters exploded and seriously injured two of them. One of the daughters, Violet Winchell, escaped unhurt, but the other, Rena Hinckley, was badly hurt, and Mrs. Hinckley received injuries which may result in blindness.

NINE VICTIMS NOW.

Engineer Smith, Of the Steamer Jefferson, Is Dead.

Norfolk, Va.—Assistant Engineer E. B. Smith died here of injuries received in the explosion in the engine-room of the Old Dominion steamer Jefferson off Cape Henry, Monday night. He makes the ninth victim. Chief Engineer Portlock is in a serious condition here.

FOR EVERY 1,000 MALES EMPLOYED

IN NEW JERSEY THERE ARE 276 FEMALES.