

# Pictures of World Events for News Readers

In This Department Our Readers in Fulton County and Elsewhere May Journey Around the World With the Camera on the Trail of History Making Happenings.

## CUT IN NUMBER OF STATE JOBS

Governor Suggests Changes in Manner of Creating Offices.

5152 STATE EMPLOYEES NOW

Annual Payroll \$3,613,409.44 With But \$2,000,000 Payable To Statutory Positions—Other News.

Harrisburg.—Discontinuance of the practice of creating positions by legislative appropriation and through the medium of contingent funds is being urged by Governor Brumbaugh, but whether an attempt will be made in this session to put through a statute fixing the number and salaries of all State employes has not been fully determined. The designating of specific positions would no doubt decrease their number.

The Governor has already conveyed his views to James F. Woodward and Clarence J. Buckman, chairmen of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, and it is believed that some move will be made, following his suggestion. The situation, which was not generally known, was brought to light through a report of the Economy and Efficiency Commission. The report of the commission discloses the following fact, which caused the Governor to investigate the matter further:—

"The statistics compiled by this commission show at the present time that the State service consists of 5,152 positions. Of these, 1,168 were created by statute, 2,752 were created by legislative appropriations, and 1,232 are contingent or temporary positions. The total annual payroll of the Commonwealth is \$3,613,409.44. Of this amount \$2,000,000 is paid for the statutory positions; \$1,162,258.90 to those created by appropriation, and \$450,590.54 is paid for contingent funds."

The passage of a bill specifying the number of positions and the salary to be paid for each is considered the proper way to create the positions. Several years ago, the heads of departments and lawmakers found an easier way of creating places without attracting widespread attention. The method used was to appropriate a certain amount of money to a department without definitely specifying the positions and the salaries for each. The head of the department would then apportion the money for the employment of clerks, stenographers, statisticians, experts or whatever was wanted. The payment of department help out of departmental contingent funds was later resorted to.

The new policy, if adopted, would no doubt wipe out many jobs on the "hill." An investigation into the needs of the various departments has been made by Governor Brumbaugh and his request that the Legislature provide specifically for every job may find some of the present positions useless.

### State Revenue Outlook Better.

Figures compiled on legislative appropriations and their relation to the revenues show that the aggregate of the appropriations approved for the last three sessions is \$177,945,082.89. The last session's appropriations amounted to about \$89,000,000, and were cut to \$66,209,141.22, to make them fit the revenues, the State having more money for the appropriation period than ever before, due to the large collections of the Auditor General's department and the general increase in income. In 1911, the aggregate approved was \$59,339,528.08, and in 1909, \$52,896,413.64.

Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh is making an effort to obtain from the fiscal officers revised data on the prospective revenues which, it is unofficially reported, will be greater than expected a month ago.

A statement issued by the Auditor General's department showing the cash balances of the State Treasury on January 15, and on the same date four years ago, shows how the increased appropriations authorized by the last General Assembly because of the pléthoric condition of the State Treasury decreased the general fund. On that date, four years ago the total balances were \$10,042,231.27, of which \$2,440,858.50 was in the sinking fund.

Since that over \$2,000,000 worth of bonds issued in the eighties have been redeemed. The balance on the fifteenth of January this year is given as \$8,130,629.84, divided as follows: General fund, \$4,734,523.93; sinking fund, \$813,123.64; uninvested school fund, \$14,897.27; motor license fund, \$567,930.

### Aid Against Auto Thefts.

In view of the numerous automobile robberies that have been committed throughout the State within the last few months, by bands of what are apparently organized auto thieves, Superintendent of State Police John C. Groome has issued a notice to automobile owners to report immediately to the department at Harrisburg or to the officers in the command of the troops scattered through the States, the disappearance of any machine. In his notice Superintendent Groome states that prompt and intelligent cooperation on the part of automobile owners will result in the recovery of stolen cars and the prevention of such crimes in the future.

### Chicago Cattle Again Barred.

The State Live Stock Sanitary Board issued a formal order prohibiting entrance into Pennsylvania of cattle, sheep or other ruminants from sections in the State of Illinois now under Federal quarantine.

### Surety Company Pays State.

The State received \$45,000, plus interest of \$158.70, from the surety company which was security for the State deposit in the closed First National Bank of Uniontown, of which J. V. Thompson is president.

## BRITAIN SENDS AMBASSADOR TO VATICAN



Sir Henry Howard (in center), the first ambassador sent to the Vatican by Great Britain in centuries, and his staff on their way to present their credentials to Pope Benedict XV.

## CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS OF PERSIA FIGHT TURKS



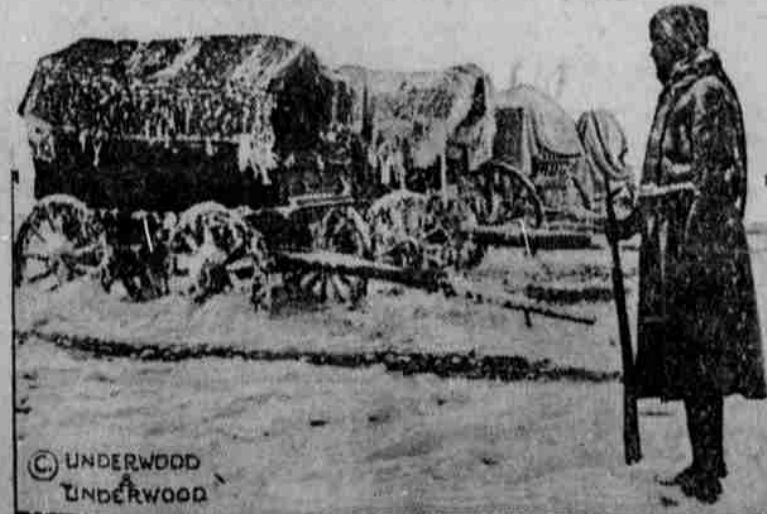
The people of Mavanna, a town on the Turco-Persian frontier, 15 miles from Ourmlah City, the only Christian inhabitants of Persia with the privilege of carrying arms, valiantly defended their homes when the Turks invaded this neutral territory in order to turn the flank of the Russian army in the Caucasus. These brave soldiers, considered by many as the best fighters in the Turco-Persian region, have joined the regular armed force of the Persian government.

## SCHOOL BOYS RUN A REAL BANK



In the Grover Cleveland public school in Washington the boys are conducting a real bank under supervision of the teachers. Three days after the bank opened there were sixty depositors and \$61 on the deposit slips. Ten cents is the minimum with which an account can be opened. Left to right behind the desk are the two young bank officials: Frank Baxter, teller, and Alvin Higgins, cashier.

## STORMY WEATHER IN SERBIA



Servian sentinel doing guard duty over a commissary train in the midst of one of the fierce snow storms that have been sweeping over that country.

**New Mineral.**  
In the course of recent microscopical study of a number of samples from the old Searles' deep well at Searles lake, San Bernardino county, California, several minerals were found which could not be determined optically. A

chemical analysis of one of these showed it to be a hydrous borosilicate of sodium, and the name Searlesite is proposed for the new mineral, after John W. Searles, the pioneer, who put down the deep well from which the specimen came.

## FRENCH CHARGE FROM THE TRENCHES



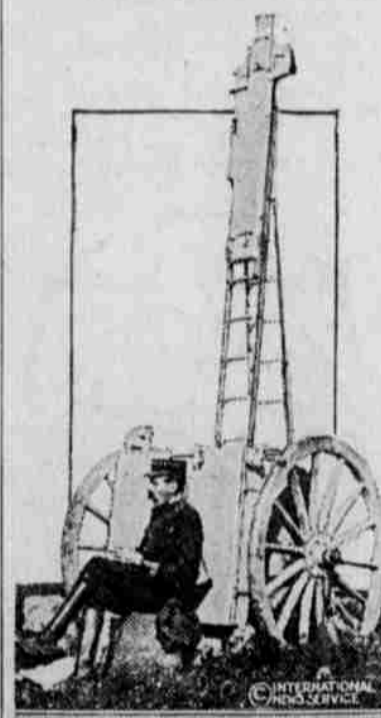
This photograph was taken as the order to charge was given a French force and the men were leaping from their trenches and rushing on the German position that had been shelled by the light artillery.

## WOMEN'S VOLUNTEER RESERVE ON THE MARCH



Members of the Women's Volunteer reserve on their first route march through London. The object of the corps is to train a body of women skilled in first-aid, cooking, signaling, riding, driving, the management of horses, and marksmanship. When the corps is fully trained it is the intention to offer it to the war office.

## NEW OBSERVATION LADDER



This new observation ladder with a steel shield is used in connection with the famous 75-millimeter gun batteries of the French army.

## Population of Cities.

"The New York World Almanac for 1915, just issued, gives the estimated population of Birmingham as 180,000—the same as last year—and those figures are very conservative," said a statistician of Birmingham, Ala. "We probably have between 190,000 and 200,000 inhabitants."

"Atlanta is estimated at 200,000—the same as last year. But the Texas cities, especially Houston, Dallas and San Antonio, have been moved up considerably. In the census of 1910 Texas was without a city of 100,000. Now Houston is credited with 132,000, Dallas with 125,000 and San Antonio with 120,000."

"New York city grows bigger every year and its estimated population is 5,625,000. Chicago, according to the World Almanac, has 2,437,526."

## Only Woman Aviator.

The Princess Shapovskaya is the only woman army aviator in the great war. She is said to be in active service at the front in East Prussia. At first her application was rejected, because of her sex, but she demonstrated beyond a doubt that she could manage a flying machine as well as a man, and was finally accepted. She learned to aviate in Germany.

## JUST FROM THE TRENCHES



This French soldier, mud stained and weary, welcomed the respite from his arduous watch in the trenches.

## NATIONS WITH SMALL ARMIES

Three, at Least, Should Have Little Trouble in Disbanding Their Military Forces.

If ever the disarmament of the world occurs, there will be several countries that will not have much to do in that line, such as, for instance, Monaco, the army of which comprises 75 guards, 75 carabineers and 20 firemen.

Another diminutive army is that of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, which numbers 135 gendarmes, 170 volunteers, and 20 musicians. The republic of San Marino can put in the field a total of nine companies consisting of 850 men and 38 officers, commanded by a marshal. The army on a peace footing consists of one company of 60 men.

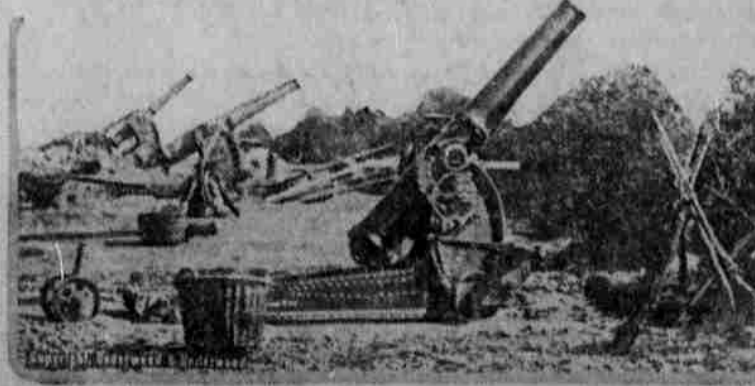
The fighting force of the "Black republic," Liberia, is composed of 700 men and almost as many officers. Liberia, however, evidently considers its army a formidable one, since, upon the occasion of hostilities between any of the powers, it always issues a proclamation of neutrality.

## WEDDING OF CANADIAN SOLDIER



There is an interesting little tale connected with the marriage of Lieut. Kenneth Edmiston and Miss Marion Allen. The lovers were planning to be married when the lieutenant, who is attached to the Nineteenth Alberta Dragoons, was suddenly called to England. When he arrived there he found that his company was not to be dispatched to the front for quite a while, so he finally sent all the way to Alberta for his sweetheart. The climax of the romance is pictured here, showing the happy couple passing under an archway made up of the company's swords, after having the knot tied by the regimental chaplain.

## FAMOUS "270" BATTERY OF THE FRENCH



The picture shows one of the famous "270" batteries, which the Germans admit have forced the latter to give ground in Alsace.