

BIG WESTERN ATTACK NEAR

Germans Claim All French Attacks Repulsed.

STILL HOLD THEIR WEDGE

Military Experts Believe Recent Operations Are But the Prelude To a General Movement In Increased Force.

London.—The French offensive in the West, which, according to official reports from Paris, continues to make progress, although the Germans reiterate that all the French attacks have been repulsed, it is believed, is only the prelude to a big general effort in the west.

With the two general staffs in direct conflict, it is difficult to gauge the results of the fighting. Military experts here, however, express the conviction that the Germans will be compelled to send reinforcements to strengthen their wedge, which penetrates to St. Mihiel and which is being attacked on both flanks, and that as soon as this movement begins the Allies will strike at the point thus weakened and perhaps at the whole line.

With the operations in this district of France those in the Carpathians divide interest, which is being barely satisfied with the meager official reports from the various headquarters.

The Russians, like the French, apparently are making progress in the capture of important points which are essential before a general forward movement can be undertaken. They are in possession of the whole principal chain of the Carpathians and at some points are descending the southern slopes and are approaching, if they are not already in, the Uzok Valley, south of the pass of that name.

Fighting is going on under extremely difficult conditions, the ground being covered with snow, which is commencing to soften, while the Austro-Germans continue to bring up reinforcements in an endeavor to check the advance. The Russians, however, appear to have confidence in their ability to handle the task, for simultaneously they are showing considerable activity both on the East Prussian frontier, where they claim success over the Germans, and to the south of the Vistula, where the Germans say they have repulsed a Russian attack.

The allied fleet, according to unofficial reports, has been bombarding the Dardanelles forts from the Gulf of Saros. This doubtless is being done to prevent the Turks from repairing the forts, for it is not believed here that the big attack will be resumed until the land forces arrive.

CALLS AMERICAN SCOUTS BEST.

Seton Returns From Two Months' Visit In England.

New York.—Ernest Thompson Seton, formerly head of the Boy Scout movement in America, arrived here from Liverpool on the steamship St. Louis after a two months' visit abroad. Mr. Seton said that the Boy Scout movement in England has suffered since the war began by reason of the majority of the scout masters having been called to service. The Boy Scouts of America, he declared, are being developed toward a higher class of citizenship than the Boy Scouts are abroad, where more attention is being paid to effectiveness in drill and military tactics.

SMYRNA FORTS AGAIN SHELLED.

Aeroplanes Of Allies Also Drop A Number Of Bombs.

London.—The Reuter Telegram Company has received a dispatch from its correspondent at Athens, saying that British warships again bombarded the forts at the entrance to the Gulf of Smyrna Monday, according to the report of the captain of the Greek steamer Arcadia. Hydroplanes of the Allies dropped a number of bombs, the captain declares, and the Vail of Smyrna ordered Europeans to leave town.

CHURCH BLOWN TO PIECES.

Storm Does Heavy Damage Throughout Delaware.

Dover, Del.—In a heavy storm here a portable church, belonging to the Christian denomination at Kittahamock, on the Delaware Bay, was blown to pieces. It was of galvanized iron. All the equipment was destroyed. No one was in the structure at the time, services having just been finished. The loss is about \$1,500.

GOING TO RAISE SUBMARINE.

United States Cruiser Maryland Sails For Honolulu.

San Francisco.—The United States cruiser Maryland sailed from here for Honolulu to take charge of the raising of the United States submarine F-4, which sank March 25. Stephen J. Drellishak, said to hold the world's diving record for depth, and other experts from the Brooklyn Navy Yard were aboard.

QUAKER CITY HAS \$200,000 FIRE.

Six Firemen Injured At Storage Warehouse Blaze.

Philadelphia.—Fire destroyed the six-story warehouse of the Columbia Storage Company in the southern section of the city, causing a loss estimated at \$200,000. Six firemen were injured, one seriously.

Consul Maddin Summers, at Santos, Brazil, suggests the distribution of calendars by American firms as an effective method of advertising.

GREAT STRUGGLE ON EASTERN FRONT

Thirty German and Austrian Corps Facing Russians.

FRENCH TAKE LES EPARGES

Should Austro-Hungary Conclude a Separate Peace, Italy Would Fail To Secure Territory Obtainable By Joining Allies.

London.—The Russian successes in the Carpathian Mountains, where the Muscovites are now said to control virtually all the important passes and are preparing for a descent on the southern slopes on to the plains of Hungary, have revived unofficial talk of separate peace for Austro-Hungary and seemingly increasing anxiety on the part of interventionists in Italy for their country to take up arms on the side of the Allies and secure territory which they have failed to get in the negotiations through Germany with Austria.

The Russian newspapers seem convinced that Hungary, if not the whole of the dual monarchy, is ready to seek peace, and it is said that Emperor Francis Joseph has requested Pope Benedict to intervene in his behalf. Except in Italy, the neutral country most directly interested in this question, little credence is given this report, although the opinion is expressed in military circles here that if Russia succeeds in overcoming the joint resistance of the Austro-German troops in the Carpathians, as she apparently has that of the Austro-Hungarian armies, Hungary at least will be ready to bring the war to an end as far as she is concerned.

A Great Battle Beginning.

However, the Russians have some way to go as yet before they reach the plains of Hungary, and the Austro-German forces are placing every obstacle in their way. The whole southern slopes of the mountains have been strongly fortified, and troops are being poured into the region in dispute.

It is said there are now 24 Austrian and 6 German army corps facing the Russians and that more are on the way. On the other hand, the Russians are still bringing up reserves, and according to the Austrian report, they are attacking without any regard for the loss of human life.

The critics contend that the Austro-Germans must now return from East Galicia and Bukovina or they will find themselves cut off. Just as fierce a battle, but on a smaller scale, is going on in the west between the Meuse and the Moselle.

There the French are persisting in their offensive against the Germans, and, according to the Paris reports, continue to make progress. The French report, however, is at direct variance with the reports from Berlin, which announce that all the French attacks have been repulsed with heavy losses.

French Forcing The Wedge.

The French are incessantly bombarding St. Mihiel, the point of the wedge which they are trying to force out, and at the same time are attacking the two sides of the wedges with infantry and artillery in an endeavor to reach the roads which led from St. Mihiel to Metz. If the progress alluded to is as great as the French claim it to be, these roads now should be almost within range of the French guns.

The Germans have made an attack on the British lines in Northern France, which was repulsed, and have, according to Berlin, recaptured from the Belgians, the village of Drel Grachten on the Yser, which has changed hands several times within a few days. Elsewhere, so far as the public has been informed, there has been no fighting worth mentioning.

380,000,000 ORDER FROM RUSSIA.

Canadian and U. S. Factories Making Shrapnel and Explosives.

New York.—The Canadian Car and Foundry Company, is now working on \$30,000,000 of orders for shrapnel and explosives received from the Russian Government, which has deposited \$20,000,000 with the National City Bank, the Bank of Montreal and J. P. Morgan & Co. to be advanced to the Canadian Car and Foundry Company. The Russian Government is negotiating with all the large surety companies for bonds guaranteeing the advances made to the Canadian company in the event of abrogation of the contract.

DRY AMENDMENTS AGREED TO.

Approval Of Bills Will Complete Iowa Program.

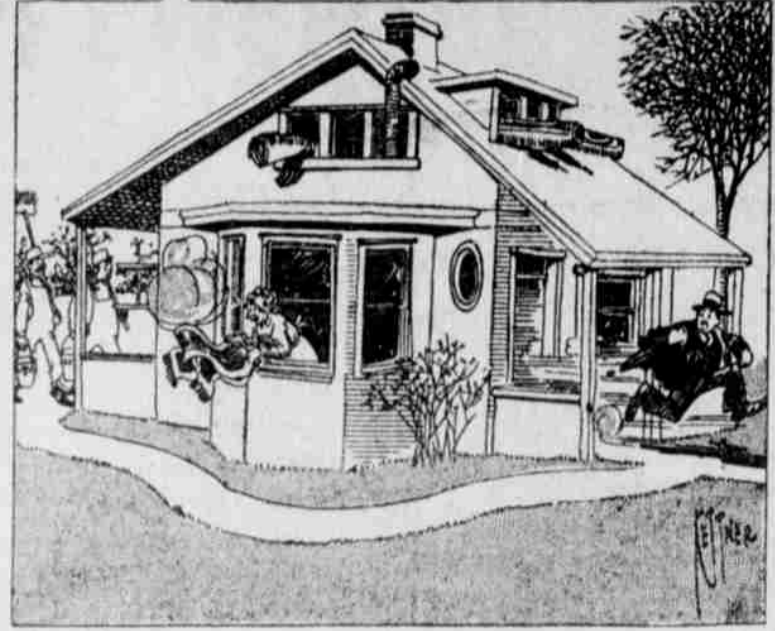
Des Moines, Iowa.—The Iowa Senate concurred in all of the amendments which the House added to the prohibition law enforcement measures which recently went through, and the measures will be sent to the Governor. When these bills are signed and become laws the program of the "drys" will be complete. The Mulex law will become effective on January 1, 1918. At the same time the law enforcement measures will be effective.

812,808 PRISONERS IN GERMANY.

Of These 10,175 Are Officers; Over Half Are Russians.

Amsterdam, via London.—A dispatch received here from Berlin says that on April 1 812,808 prisoners of war were being held in Germany—10,175 officers and 802,633 men. The dispatch gives the prisoners by nationality as follows: French, 3,868 officers and 258,496 men; Russian, 5,140 officers and 504,210 men; Belgians, 647 officers and 39,620 men; British, 620 officers and 20,807 men.

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FIND BUSINESS IS PICKING UP

Encouraging Reports Are Made by Bank Examiners.

CONFIDENCE FELT IN FUTURE

The West Especially Foand To Be Well On The Way To Prosperity, While The South Is Waking Up.

Washington.—Business conditions throughout the country are showing marked improvement in almost all lines, according to reports from national bank examiners just made public by the Treasury Department. Eighty of the 90 examiners in the United States reported a permanent improvement in business.

These reports are announced to be the result of careful observation and supplemental to the regular reports on business conditions made each month to the Controller of the Currency.

"Pronounced hopefulness is seen in nearly every district," says the announcement. "Agricultural conditions are generally excellent, and commercial lines, with comparatively few exceptions are enlarging their activities, mainly through an increased demand, but in some cases preparation for activity is expected to develop on the coming of good weather. Manufacturing is on the increase and those industries having orders for supplies from foreign countries continue especially active.

"Further orders have been placed for cars and rails by the railroads and some large contracts have been made for structural iron for large buildings in different portions of the country."

Economy Is Stabilizer.

The statement attributes depression to unusual conditions abroad, but says that business here has been stabilized through the application of economy.

"The South," it continues, "is showing marked improvement. The sale of cotton is active at advancing prices, with the result that all business in that section is feeling a steady and pronounced improvement. The prospects for large crops generally are excellent and there will be greater diversification. The States adjoining the Missouri River and the Mississippi River about St. Louis enjoyed exceptional prosperity during the past season, and the present prospects are that the coming season will yield even better results.

"The Western States and the Pacific States are showing a general improvement."

WILSON GREET'S KING ALBERT.

Cables Message Of Friendship On Belgian Ruler's Birthday.

Washington.—Birthdays greetings to King Albert of Belgium were sent by cable to Havre by President Wilson in the following message: "Let me extend on this occasion of the anniversary of your Majesty's birth greetings of friendship and good will." "WOODROW WILSON."

NO SUFFRAGE IN CONNECTICUT.

House Rejects Proposed Constitutional Amendment.

Hartford, Conn.—A proposed constitutional amendment giving women the right of suffrage, was rejected by the Connecticut House of Representatives, 124 to 106. This action ends the movement for equal suffrage so far as the present General Assembly is concerned.

SECRETARY McADOO QUILTS BED.

Sits Up For First Time Since Appendicitis Operation.

Washington.—Secretary McAdoo of the Treasury, who was operated on for appendicitis three weeks ago, sat up Thursday for the first time. His physicians said it would be ten days or more before he would be permitted to go out of the house.

NORWAY WANTS EXPLANATION.

Asks Germany Regarding Sinking Of Bar Nor.

Christiania, via London.—The Norwegian Government has approached Germany for an explanation of the sinking by a German submarine of the Norwegian bark Nor on April 2 in the North Sea. The Norwegian Government points out that the bark was loaded with lumber and that lumber was removed from the list of contraband by Germany about the middle of March.

TRYING HARD TO PRODUCE DYES

Necessity May Lead To New American Industry.

BIG PLANTS BEING ERECTED

American Coke Ovens Now Wasting Annually One Hundred Million Dollars In By-Products.

Washington.—American chemical companies are bending every effort toward supplying textile mills and other industries using artificial dyes with home products to replace German dye stuffs, shut off by the European war.

Reports to the Department of Commerce show that at least six plants are in course of construction for the manufacture of the coal tar derivatives upon which the colors used in cloth manufacture, varnishes and other products are based. Approximately \$6,000,000 is to be expended, and within a few months it is estimated that much of the material for the simpler dyes, heretofore purchased in Germany, at a cost of \$12,000,000 annually will be turned out in the United States. The more complicated chemicals, however, will require a greater length of time to develop.

A report of the dye stuff situation, called for by a resolution of Congress, was given out by the department. It was compiled by Thomas H. Norton, a commercial agent of the department, who formerly served as consul in Germany and is familiar with the industry.

Mr. Norton estimates that American coke ovens are wasting annually \$100,000,000 in by-products that could be saved and employed in other industries, it having been preferred heretofore to depend upon German chemicals rather than develop an American dye stuff supply. The American coke industry, the report states, could produce 20 times as much coal tar as the world needs for dyes.

A proposal is now being considered for the addition of a bureau of information in dye stuff industry in the department. Officials are hopeful that the result will be the establishment of the coal tar chemical industry in such a position that it will be able to meet German competition, even after the war is over.

In his report Mr. Norton calls attention to the fact that England has already taken steps to free herself of dependence on the German dye stuff mills, and that similar steps have been taken in France and are contemplated in Russia.

SETS "PUBLIC HEALTH DAY."

Governor Of West Virginia Names April 19 For A Clean-Up.

Charleston, W. Va.—As the result of a proclamation issued by Governor Henry D. Hatfield, West Virginians will observe Monday, April 19, as "Public Health Day."

The Governor also asks that on the Sunday preceding there shall be proclaimed from every pulpit the "solemn obligation that rests on society and on the individual to work for clean and healthful conditions of living for the removal of known causes of disease and for the dissemination of a knowledge of those principles that underlie an efficient preservation of the physical and social hygiene."

ADDS 1,843 TO BRITISH LOSSES.

Largest Total Of Casualties Given Out By London.

London.—The largest total of casualties yet recorded in any of the official lists was shown in a statement given out, dated March 22. This list is believed to cover the losses sustained in part of the sanguinary fighting which resulted in the capture of Neuve Chapelle last month. The list includes the names of 1,843 non-commissioned officers and men of 70 different regiments, the killed numbering 873 and the wounded 1,107.

TWO KILLED IN KNIFE DUEL.

Three Brothers On A Side Fight At School Entertainment.

Pomeroy, Ohio.—In a knife duel at the Howell school house at Letart, W. Va., during a school entertainment, Earl Sharley, 28, and Urson Bosworth, 38, both married, were killed. Three brothers on a side were said to have engaged in the fight. Two others are reported dying. The trouble is said to have been the culmination of an old feud.

GIVES UP PLAN FOR DASH TO SEA

Thierichens Interns Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

CAREER AS RAIDER ENDED

German Auxiliary Cruiser, With Engines Sealed, Will Remain At Portsmouth Navy Yard Until War Is Over.

Newport News, Va.—The career of the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich as a sea raider is at an end.

At her commander's request, she will be interned until the end of the war. The breech blocks of her guns will be removed and her engines will be sealed. A United States guard will be mounted over her.

Deserted by sister ships of the German raiding fleet, Commander Thierichens determined not to take his vessel out to certain destruction at the hands of the British cruisers lying off the Virginia Capes.

He had expected the arrival of German ships to engage the hostile fleet which laid in wait for him.

Officers To Be Paroled.

The Prinz Eitel was interned four weeks to a day after her arrival at this port. She had sent eight merchant ships, including the American bark William P. Frye, to the bottom during her raiding career, which covered two oceans.

Admiral Fletcher, commanding the Atlantic fleet, took charge of the situation.

The Prinz Eitel will be towed to Portsmouth Navy Yard. Her crew will be allowed ashore only under a naval guard. Her officers will be given their paroles.

In communicating to Collector Hamilton his intention to intern, Commander Thierichens presented a tragic figure. His wake across two oceans strewn with the shattered hulks of his merchant prey, he was deserted at the last minute by the ships from which he had expected aid.

WANT HUERTA BARRED.

Carranzistas Will Ask U. S. To Forbid Landing Of Former Dictator.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The Carranza Government, at Vera Cruz, will ask the United States to deny admittance to Victoriano Huerta, the former Mexican dictator, now on the way to New York, according to a message which Adolfo Carrillo, Carranza agent here, received. Carranza has evidence, Carrillo said he was informed, that a group of Mexican conservatives had assembled in New York to meet Huerta and plan with him a movement to restore Huerta to the dictatorship. Carranza's request that Huerta be denied admission to this country will be based, it is stated, upon the declaration that he intends to violate the neutrality of the United States.

BLOW-UP IN AN ORCHARD.

One Man Killed and Several Hurt In Explosion.

York, Pa.—Adams Slouther, a truck farmer of Adams county, was blown to pieces; Clair Stein was probably fatally hurt and fellow-workmen were dazed, when a bucket of dynamite exploded while the men were preparing to plant dynamite holes in an orchard for the planting of trees. The explosion occurred, when Slouther, who was carrying the dynamite in a bucket, stopped to set off a fuse leading to one of the two-foot holes the men were drilling. Slouther was instantly killed. His left leg, right foot and left hand were torn off and the flesh upon his right arm was considerably torn. Slouther leaves a widow and 10 children.

G. O. P. SWEEPS CHICAGO.

Elects W. H. Thompson Mayor By 125,000 Plurality.

Chicago.—In the most exciting election that Chicago ever had, William Hale Thompson, Republican, was elected Mayor by a plurality of about 125,000. Robert M. Sweitzer, the Democratic candidate, never was in the running. The vote was a veritable Thompson landslide. He took the lead from the moment the first returns were received and never was headed. Wards that usually could have been counted upon to give any Democratic candidate a good plurality went for Thompson.

KAISER BITTER TOWARD ITALY.

Tells Austrians "We Will Win Back Whatever We Give."

Paris.—What the Kaiser thinks about Italy is reflected in the following statement he recently made to officers attached to the Austrian Emperor's suite: "Even if we are crushed, we shall never tire of telling our children in Austria, as well as in Germany, that our downfall was due to Italy. If it takes us 10 or even 20 years we will win back whatever we give Italy now and also seize Venice as interest."

EX-CONGRESSMAN ARRESTED.

Accused Of Assaulting Dealer Over Fancy Waist Coat.

Washington.—John Wesley Gaines, former Congressman from Tennessee and now secretary of the International Boundary Commission, was served with a warrant of arrest sworn out by a local haberdasher, who charged that Gaines assaulted him in a dispute over a fancy waist coat. Gaines appeared in court with Senator Chilton and his attorney and demanded a jury trial.

CRUISER WILHELM ENTERS U. S. PORT

Last of German Commerce Destroyers Closes Career.

14 VESSELS SUNK BY HER

Chased Three Times By British Cruisers, Raider Seeks Sanctuary When Sixty-Six Of Men Aboard Are Stricken With Beri-Beri.

Newport News, Va.—The German converted cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm, the elusive raider of commerce of the South Atlantic, slipped into this port Sunday and asked for fuel and provisions.

Many times reported destroyed, the former North German Lloyd liner had evaded hostile warships for eight months while she sent 14 merchantmen to the bottom. Her officers said she was forced to steal her way past four allied cruisers off the Virginia Capes to reach this refuge.

"We got in without being seen by the enemy and we can get out the same way," declared her commander, Lieut.-Capt. Paul Thierfelder, formerly navigating officer of the German cruiser Karlsruhe.

Commander Thierfelder explained that his ship was badly in need of repairs. Her bottom, he said, was foul and her boilers needed overhauling. He stated that he would request permission to have the repairs made here.

As the Kronprinz steamed past Port Monroe and through the fleet of 16 United States battleships assembled in Hampton Roads she neither fired a salute nor dipped her flag.

The second of the raiders brought as thrilling a story as did the Eitel Friedrich. Her record of destruction, however, was accomplished with only four guns, two taken from the German cruiser Karlsruhe and two captured later from the British merchant ship La Correntina, sunk October 7, 1914.

When she dropped anchor the Kronprinz Wilhelm had less than 25 tons of coal and scanty provisions for the crew of 500 men and 61 prisoners from British merchant ships sunk in the South Atlantic. Sixty-six of the men aboard the cruiser, it was announced, were suffering from beri-beri.

Of the 14 ships that the 15,000-ton cruiser sank nine were British, four French and one Norwegian. The value of these ships and their cargoes, officers of the Wilhelm estimated at \$7,000,000.

BANK OFFICIALS ARRESTED.

London (Ken.) Men Charged With Misappropriations.

London, Ky.—W. B. Catching and McCalla Fitzgerald, former president and cashier, respectively, of the First National Bank of London, closed by order of the Comptroller of the Currency, were arrested here upon Federal warrants charging false entries, false reports and misappropriation of bank funds. Both men executed bond for their appearance in the Federal Court at Covington, Ky., October 18. The men were indicted by a Federal grand jury at Covington yesterday.

WOMAN, 60, GUILTY OF MURDER.

Beat Another To Death For Purpose Of Robbery, Jury Finds.

Detroit.—Mrs. Caroline E. Becker, 60 years old, was found guilty of murder in the first degree for having caused the death of Miss Frances Bomholt last December. Evidence given at the trial showed that Miss Bomholt at the time showed that robbery was the motive for the crime.

TURKS OCCUPY HAMADAN.

City Entrepot Of Commerce Between Important Towns.

Petrograd, via London.—A telegram to the Bourse Gazette from Tiflis, Transcaucasia, says the Turks have occupied Hamadan, a city of Persia 165 miles southwest of Teheran. Hamadan is an entrepot for the commerce between Bagdad, Habris, Ispahan and Teheran. It has a population of about 25,000.

1,656 MILES OF BATTLE FRONT.

French Paper Estimates Length Of Allies' Trenches.

Paris.—Troops of the Allies occupy battle fronts whose length totals 1,656 miles, according to a compilation made by the Matin. In the western area, according to these figures, the French occupy 540 miles of trenches, the British 31 miles and the Belgians 17 miles.

BOY PREVENTS TRAIN WRECK.

Hand Cars Placed On Chesapeake and Ohio Tracks.

Charleston, W. Va.—An attempt to wreck an eastbound Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad passenger train near Eastbank was frustrated by a boy, who flagged the train in time to prevent it from running into an obstruction placed on the track. Two hand cars and a pile of ties had been placed on the track at the end of a curve. Railroad police are investigating.

ITALY SUPPLIED WITH WHEAT.

Has Received Nearly 30,000,000 Bushels Since First Of Year.

Rome.—It was semi-officially announced in Rome that Italy's importation of wheat during the first three months of 1915 surpassed 7,000,000 bushels (25,690,000 bushels). In addition to this amount, steamships from the United States are at present unloading 1,100,000 bushels (4,027,000 bushels). The supply of wheat necessary until the next Italian crop, it is pointed out, has thus been secured.

STATE LAW MAKERS

Harrisburg.—The House bill providing for the semi-monthly payment of county employes in Philadelphia, which was defeated in the Senate last week, was reconsidered by that body and passed finally. The bill now goes to the Governor.

Other bills passed finally include the following:

Giving banking companies the right to bring suit and maintain an action either at law or in equity and to maintain any action already brought for the recovery or possession of property bought the same as an individual could do.

House bill making the libellant in divorce suits on the ground of desertion a competent witness generally.

House bill repealing the Act of June 1, 1911, taxing traction engines.

House bill authorizing the Department of Forestry to grow and distribute young trees.

The bill providing for the retirement of State employes on half pay in case of disability was read the second time in the Senate, as was also the bill creating a new moving picture censorship law.

The four bills amending the present laws relating to the construction of moving picture buildings in Philadelphia, passed first reading.

The bill creating a liquor license commission in Schuylkill County, which was defeated in the Senate, was reconsidered and placed on the postponed calendar.

These bills were recommitted to committees by the Senate:

To bring the anthracite mine workers under the proposed workmen's compensation Act.

Preventing the charging of commissions for the placing of building and loan association mortgages.

Repeat of so much of the blue laws of 1794 as relates to the sale or delivery of the necessities of life on Sunday.

House bill providing a pension fund for county employes in Philadelphia.

Among the bills reported from committee to the Senate were the following:

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