

Pictures of World Events for News Readers

POOR QUALITY OF GRAIN IN STATE

Professor Surface Hears Unfavorable Weather Results in Deterioration of Crops.

Harrisburg.—Rains, cold nights and generally unfavorable weather conditions are going to cost the farmers of Pennsylvania many dollars in deterioration of grain, according to Prof. H. A. Surface, State zoologist, who has been receiving reports from demonstrators traveling through the eastern part of the State and who now are investigating conditions in the western counties.

"In many cases the grain started to sprout while in the field. Considerable wheat has done this and I am informed that quite a quantity of rye suffered from the damp and the generally bad conditions," says Prof. Surface. "The oats crops, which we all thought was going to be such a valuable one and so much larger than usual, may be diminished more than other grains because of the damp. I have learned of large fields in which the oats have been cut, but which are wet through and through. This not only will make it difficult to handle, but unsalable in some sections.

"The most serious feature of the conditions will be that the grains will not command good prices, except where everything was favorable, and there may be a shortage of cattle feed in some sections, although in others they will feed the unsalable product. "Weather conditions have been bad and the frequent storms have caused much damage, more than we are aware of as yet."

Lose Funds if Not Acknowledged.
Hospitals and other institutions, voted appropriations for permanent improvements by the Legislature, stand to lose thousands of dollars by failing to file acceptances with the Auditor General under the Act of 1911, if institutions fail to file acceptances within sixty days, the appropriation reverts to the State Treasury.

Judges File Nomination Papers.
Four of the judges appointed to fill vacancies on Common Pleas Court benches in the last year filed petitions to be candidates for renomination. They are: R. W. Irwin, Washington, appointed by Governor Tener; R. S. Gawthrop, Chester; W. H. Shoemaker, Philadelphia, and E. H. Reppert, Fayette, appointed by Governor Brumbaugh.

Russian Official Studies Farm Methods
Secretary of Agriculture Critchfield was visited by Maximilian Groten, engineer of maintenance of way of the Imperial Russian Railways, who is in this country for the purpose of reporting to his Government on the improvement of agricultural conditions in Russia. He went over methods used by the State Government for the spread of farm knowledge.

State Educators Off To California.
Dr. J. George Becht, Secretary of the State Board of Education; R. B. Pietrick, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Thomas S. March, State High School Inspector, have gone to San Francisco to attend the National Educational Association. They represent the State's end of educational work.

Arsenal Contract Let.
The Beard Construction Company, of Lancaster, was low bidder at \$38,480, for construction of the new building at the State Arsenal. Ten other firms bid. The appropriation for the work is \$40,000.

To Stop Granting Of Grade Crossings.
Public Service Commissioners announced that applications for grade crossings would not be granted unless very strong reasons were given. The announcement was made during the hearing of the protest against an application of the Allen Street Railway Company for a grade crossing over the Lehigh & New England Railroad at Bath. Notice of injunction proceedings brought against the Allen Company was given and the trolley company rejoined that to avoid a grade crossing would require an outlay of \$10,000.

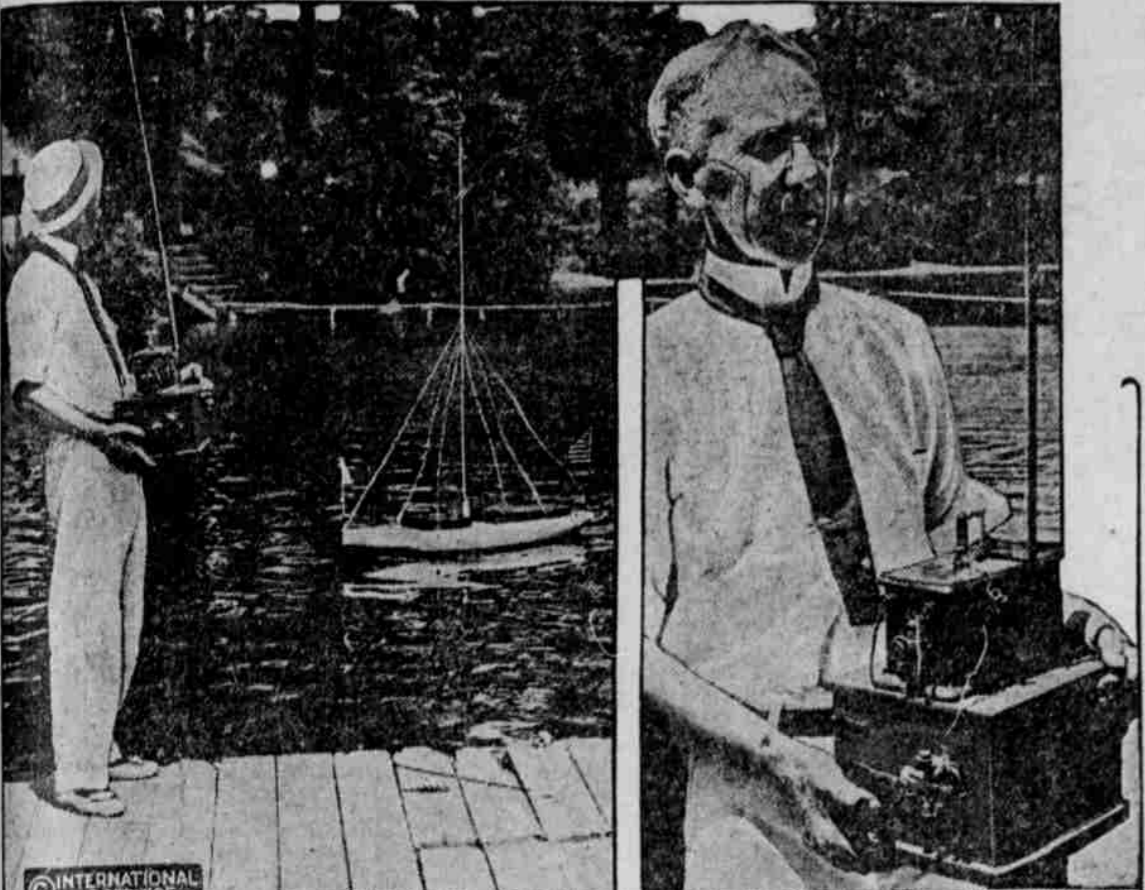
To Inspect Erie Damage
Highway Commissioner R. J. Cunningham and Chief Engineer W. D. Uhler left for a tour of northwestern counties to inspect damage done by the cloudbursts in Erie and to look over places where State aid has been asked for improvement of roads. The inspection will be the first for Mr. Cunningham in some sections and important engineering details will be looked over in the northern tier counties and in the western border.

Contracts Let For Building Of Roads.
The first contracts for building of roads on the State aid plan were awarded by Highway Commissioner Cunningham, as follows:
Stroudsburg, Monroe county, from 22 to 57 feet in width, 4,871 feet, to Franklin Construction Company, New York, at \$45,623.64.
Muncy, Lycoming county, 5,843 feet, to Dwyer & Co., Philadelphia, at \$41,877.07.
Milton, Northumberland county, 4,940 feet, to Fogel & Co., Hollidaysburg, at \$28,144.43.

Uses For Township Funds.
As fast as accounts are certified to the Auditor General, the Bureau of Township Highways of the State Highway Department is sending out to the Township Supervisors the amount due them from the State as a bonus on the cash tax basis. Accompanying the remittance to the supervisors is a letter from Joseph W. Hunter, First Deputy State Highway Commissioner, in charge of the Bureau of Township Highways, in which he informs the supervisors what uses may be made of this money.

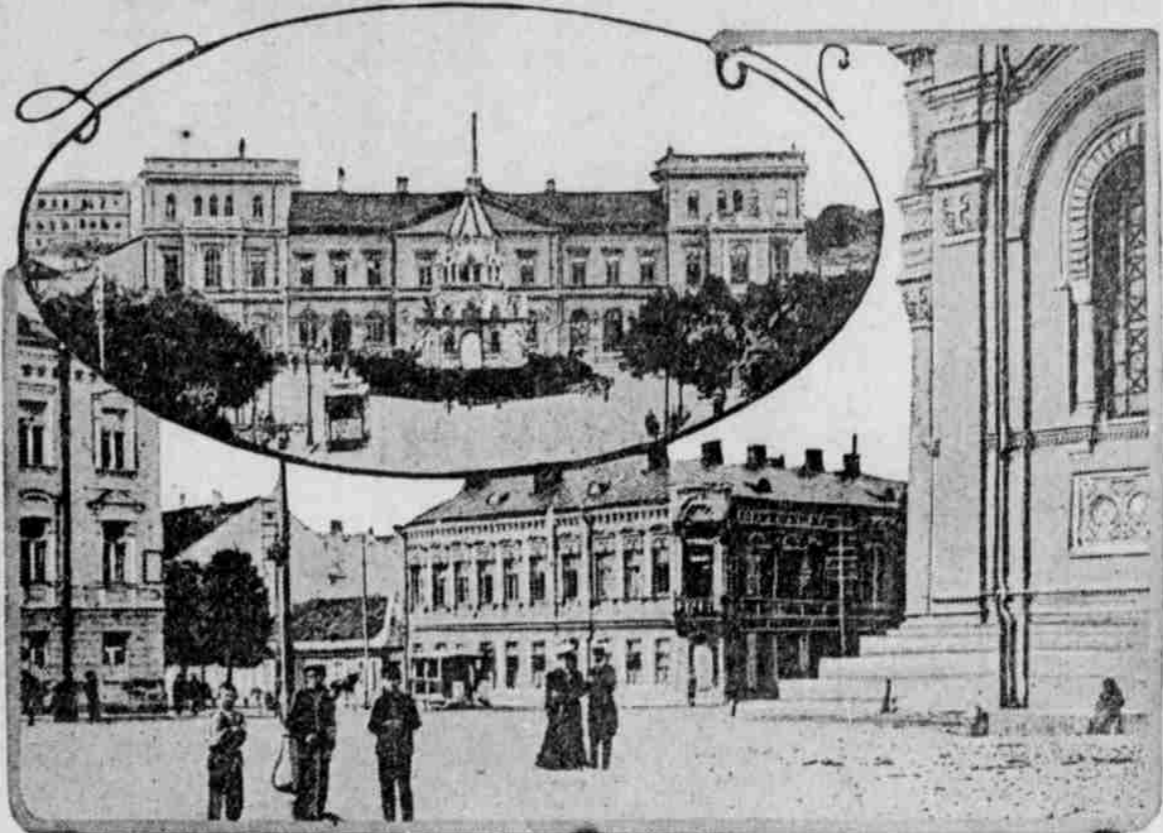
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TUFTS PROFESSOR INVENTS WIRELESS WONDER WORKER



Prof. B. K. Shepard of Tufts college and the small wireless machine with which he operates a seven-foot boat. It steers an automobile, fires a cannon, blows horns, rings bells and does many other things. The machine has no ground wire.

RIGA AND KOVNO THREATENED BY GERMANS



Below is a street scene in Kovno, the northern extremity of the new line of Russian defense which the Germans are striving to capture. Above, the Dunaburger railway station at Riga, Russia's most important port after Petrograd, which also is in danger of capture by the Teutonic armies and which was attacked a few days ago by a German fleet. The chapel in front of the station was erected in memory of the escape of Emperor Alexander III and his family from death at Borki.

'BUSINESS MEN'S MILITARY CAMP' AT PLATTSBURGH



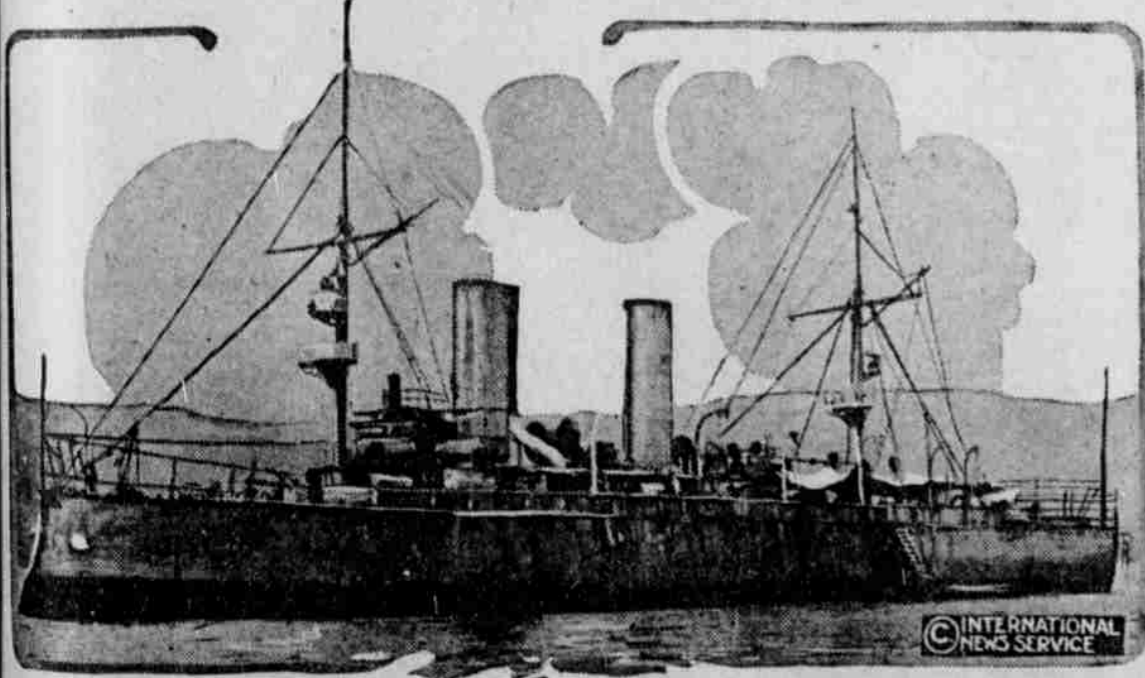
View of the camp at Plattsburgh, N. Y., where hundreds of business men from every state in the Union are receiving military training. Among the recruits are many men of great prominence and wealth. All undergo the strict training and discipline of the regular army. At the right is the commander of the camp, Capt. Halstead Drey, aid to Gen. Leonard Wood.

ERIE, PA., DEVASTATED BY CLOUDBURST



Scene in French street, in Erie, Pa., just after the cloudburst and flood that caused the death of more than a score of persons and the destruction of a vast amount of property in that city. It was along this street that many of the victims were caught and drowned by the rapidly rising waters.

HAITIAN NAVY TAKEN BY ADMIRAL CAPERTON



This is the gunboat Pacific, the entire navy of Haiti, which Admiral Caperton "captured" at Port-au-Prince.

FIRST AERO SQUADRON OF THE U. S. ARMY



The first photograph of the First Aero Squadron, U. S. A. It is the first organized corps in the United States for service in the field. The squadron consists of 15 junior military aviators, 90 mechanics and eight 100-horse-power military aeroplanes, or speed scouts, capable of flying 83 miles an hour with pilot and observers and six hour fuel supply.

PRISONERS FROM RIVAL ARMIES



Above are seen Russian prisoners taken in Poland rear-guard actions and being marched back to German concentration camps. Below is a scene during an inspection of German prisoners in a French camp in Alsace. General Joffre was there, and as they passed him the Germans, by command of their officers, respectfully saluted him by "eyes left."

INDIAN BOY NAMED FOR T. R.



During Col Theodore Roosevelt's visit to the San Diego exposition he was much impressed when an Indian boy, born two hours before the former president arrived at the "Painted Desert" on the exposition grounds, was christened Theodore Roosevelt. The colonel took part in the ceremony and seemed to enjoy it immensely. With his customary emphasis he declared "This is the finest Indian boy I ever looked at." The photograph shows the mother, Haria Trujile, an Acoma Indian, holding the infant in a blanket while the former president admires it.

Matting.
Rub every two or three months with salt water, lukewarm, and dry quickly with a clean cloth.

POLICE AS WIGWAGGERS



The police department of New York has a new signal corps that is being thoroughly trained. At present the men wigwag their communications from the chimneys of stations and the roofs of high buildings, but later a wireless system will be installed.

RANGE FINDING ON WARSHIP



Officer on the American battleship Utah operating the range finder during maneuvers.

Getting Down to Essentials.
"As a matter of professional confidence," said the lawyer, "are you guilty?"
"What's the use of wasting time on a minor consideration like that?" rejoined the up-to-date prisoner. "How do you think I measure up for insanity?"