CONGRESS ENDS TRYING SESSION

One of Most Troublous in U. S. History.

COSTLY, ACHIEVED RESULTS

Appropriations Close To Two Billion Dollars; Not All Due To Preparedness Legis-

Washington,-The first session of the chiefly with national defense.

directed reorganization and re-equipment of the army and navy at the unprecedented cost of \$655,000,000 with authorizations that will increase the total in three years to nearly \$800, 000,000. With all other expenditures, appropriations were brought to the grand total of \$1,637,583,682, the greatest aggregate in the country's history.

Expenditures, necessitated by preparedness and by military forces to meet the Mexican emergency demanded revenue legislation in the closing days of the session. Congress responded by doubling the normal tax for it. on incomes, creating an inheritance tax, munitions tax and miscellaneous excise taxes to raise \$205,000,000 and by directing sale of \$130,000,000 Pana Agrico ma canal bonds.

Was Troublous Session.

The session was disturbed through out by frequently recurring threats of foreign complications from the European war and imminence at one time of a diplomatic break with Germany; interference with American mails and commerce, invasion of American soil and killing of Americans by Mexican bandits, and danger of actual war with Mexico.

Later in the session trouble arose in the Senate over the nomination of Louis D. Brandels as a member of the Supreme Court. Weeks of inves- Shipping Bill tigation and deliberation by the Ju- Deficiencies diciary Committee ended in confirma Rural Credits tion of Mr. Brandels by a large ma- Good Roads

In the week before adjournment Congress was occupied with legislation which prevented a threatened nationwide railroad strike. President Wilson authorization for expenditures in submitted the controversy to Congress, future years, including naval, good recommending legislation to avert the roads, tariff commission and other exstrike and to prevent such future emer- penditures, to bring the total to apgencles. After a week of consideration proximately \$2,000,000,000, but these a bill was passed to establish an eight- amounts do not properly apply to the hour day as a basis for pay of railroad appropriations for the fiscal year. workers.

Important Achievements.

tem of farm toan mortgage banks.

case of death.

Emergency Revenue Law-Providing for doubling the normal income tax on the lowest class; making an addiing a graduated tax of 1 to 10 per cent. inheritances ranging from \$50,000 to \$5,000,000; a 10 per cent. net profit inx on manufacturers of munitions, 5 per cent, net profit tax on manufacturers of materials entering into montclons; a license tax on actually invested capital stock of corporations capitalized at more than \$99,000; wine beer and liquor excise taxes and miscellaneous stamp taxes.

Good Roads Law-Providing for cooperative Federal aid to the States five years.

Postal Savings Law-Amendment in creasing the amount which individuals may deposit from \$500 to \$1000 with interest and an additional \$1000 with-

Federal Reserve-Amendments, including amendment to the Clayton antitrust law permitting officers and directors of member banks to become officers and directors of not more than two other non-competing banks; amendments permitting national banks to establish foreign branches, liberalizing regulations for discounting commercial paper and permitting members of banks in towns of 5000 or less population in act as agents for insurance com-

Railroad Legislation.

Ratiroad Eight-Hour-Day Law-Establishing eight hours as the standard for reckoning the compensation of railroad employees operating trains in their support to the passage of the interstate commerce after January 1, 1917, and providing for a commission Federal Constitution.

WILSON LEAVES CAPITAL.

May Not Return Until After November Election.

Washington.-President Wilson left Washington for a stay which may extend until after election in November. After spending a night in Atlantic City he motored to the summer White Copenhagen, that the Senate had rati-House, Shadow Lawn, at Long Branch, fied the Danish-American treaty for N. J., for an extended stay. A staff of purchase of the Danish West Indies secretaries, clerks and messengers left for Long Branch, and will open executive offices at Asbury Park.

of three to investigate the effects of the eight-hour standard, present wages not to be reduced during the investigation ner for 30 days thereafter, and work in excess of eight hours to be paid for at a pro rata rate.

General Railroad Legislation-Creation of a joint committee of Senate and House Interstate Commerce Committees to investigate necessity for further legislation for rathroads and the Interstate Commerce Commission, question of Government ownership of public utilities and comparative worth of Covernment ownership as against

Government regulation. Tariff - Creation of non-partisan tariff commission of five members to investigate and advise Congress on ariff revision; repeal of the freesugar provision; amendments increasing duties on dyestuffs to encourage manufacturing dyestuffs; enactment of an anti-dumping provision to prevent dumping of foreign-made goods Sixty-fourth Congress, was concerned at less than foreign market prices; authorization for the President to re-When the gavel fell Congress had taltate against foreign nations probibiting importation of goods by laying an embargo against their imports. Cotton Futures Act-Providing a prohibitive tax on cotton sold for

> Philippines-Law to provide for a more autonomous government of the islands, enlarging self-government, reorganizing election laws, establishing an elective Scuate and promising independence whenever, in the judgment of the United States, the Philippine people demonstrate capability

future delivery in fictitious or wash

Record Of Appropriations. Appropriations for all purposes

were:

	WELLSHIP OF THE THEFT OF	24,249,002
	Army	267,596,530
	Diplomatic and Consular.	5,355,096
	District of Columbia	12,841,907
ń	Fortifications	25,748,050
į.	Indian Affairs	10.967,644
ø	Legislative and Execu-	
ŝ	tive	37,925,690
1	Military Academy	1,225,043
ť	Navyt.,	313,300,095
	Pensions	153,065,000
	Postoffice	322,937,679
	Rivers and Harbors	40,598,135
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t	tions	131,074,673

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Miscellaneous Legislation.

In addition Congress enacted an un-Most important legislative enact usually large amount of miscellaneous ments of the session, exclusive of laws legislation, including reorganization for national defense, included the ful- of the Patent Office; provision for trial of space system for payment for Government Ship Law-Appropriate ratiroad mail service and leaving to ing \$50,000,000 to operate ships in for the Interstate Commerce Commission eign and constwise trade when unable determination of the method and rate to lease them to individuals or pri- of pay; creation of a National Park Bureau: establishing warehouse regu-Child Labor Law-Denying inter- lations for cotton and grains and prostate commerce to products of mines viding a new grain grading law; exand quarries employing children un- tension for a year of the Government der 16 years of age and of factories, War Risk Insurance Bureau; uniform

mills, canneries and other establish- law making bills of lading negotiable. ments employing children under 14 Proposed legislation which failed includes the immigration bill, the cor-Rural Credits Law-Establishing a rupt practices act, a vocational edufarm Ican board in control of a sys- cation bill, conservation legislation, including the public lands water power Workmen's Compensation Law-Pro-bill, the Shields navigable streams viding uniform sick and accident bene- water power bill, the oil leasing bill, his for employees of the Federal Gov. a flood control bill and a bill to esernment and benefits to dependents in tablish citizenship for natives of Porto Rico.

Four Treaties Ratified.

Four treatles were ratified by the Senate. The most important was the tional surfax ranging from 1 per cent. Nicaraguan convention providing for on that portion of incomes exceeding the acquisition of a canal route and \$20,000 to 13 per cent, on amount of naval station rights in the Bay of lacomes in excess of \$2,000,000; levy- Fonseca for \$2,000,000. Another was the treaty with the Republic of Haitl providing for an American financial protectorate. The much disputed treaty with Colombia was favorably reported, with an amendment reducing from \$25,000,000 to \$15,000,000, the proposed amount to be paid for the partition of Panama. The treaty, owever, was never taken up, and it remains on the calendar.

There was ratified with Denmark for purchase of the Danish West Indies for \$25,000,000. A treaty with Great for construction of highways and ap Britain providing for protection of propriating \$75,000,000 to be spent in migratory birds on both sides of the anadian border was ratified.

Death claimed four members of the ongress during the session, Senators Shively of Indiana, and Burleigh of Maine, and Representatives Brown and Moss, both of West Virginia. Repesentative Witherspoon of Mississippi died just before the session began.

THE COUNTRY AT LARGE

Settlement of the Alaskan fisheries difficulty with Canada probably will be made by a joint high commis-

Lieutenant Child, a Navy aviator, fell into the Potontac River.

The National American Woman Sufrage Association Convention, in Atantic City, defeated a resolution that the association in the present nationof campaign support only those candidates for national offices who pledge Susan R. Anthony amendment to the

LANSING NOTIFIES DENMARK.

Sends Word That the West Indian Treaty is Ratified.

Washington - Secretary of State Lansing formally notified the Danish Sovernment through Danish Minister Brun here and Ambasador Egan, at for \$25,000,000.

One-fourth of Germany is worded,

RUSSIANS PRESS ON **GRIP IN GALICIA**

Take 5,600 Prisoners and Sct Haliez Ablaze.

60 MILES NEARER LEMBERG

Russians Claim To Be Driving Turks From Strong Positions On the Mountains-Fighting Along the Euphrates.

Petrograd (via London).-In the fighting in Eastern Galicia the Petrograd announcement says, the Russians took 5,500 more prisoners.

Russian troops have occupied the railway lines between Halicz and Semikovitze and Wodniki.

An offensive movement undertaken by the Turks along the Euphrates, west of Erzingan, in Turkish Armenia, is said by the War Office to have been repulsed. In the region of Ognott, where stubborn fighting has been under way, the Russians are driving the Turks from their strong mountain de fenses. The report follows:

"A Turkish offensive on the left bank of the River Euphrates, west of Erzingan, was repulsed. Notwithstanding stubborn resistance of the enemy in the region of Ognott our detachments are advancing and driv ing the enemy out of his strongly fortified mountain position, repelling all Turkish counter-attacks.

"According to statements of prisoners, the Turkish troops operating in the region of Ognott have suffered great losses. Here the commander of the Thirtieth Turkish Division was killed, the commander of the Second Turkish Corps, Falk Pasha, was killed or seriously wounded, and the commander of the Twelfth Turkish Division was wounded."

Berlin.-After heavy fighting with the Russians in the sector southeast mans have fallen back in the sector between the Zlota Lipa and Dniester | the statement of General Funston. Rivers, the War Office announced. Russian attacks near Brzezany, on the Zlota Lipa, southeast of Lemberg, were unsuccessful. The announcement follows:

"Army Group of Prince Leopold-There were no events of especial importance.

Army Group of Archduke Charles Francis - Unsuccessful attacks were take part in the pursuit. made by the Russians east and southeast of Brzezany. Between the Zlota Lipa and the Dniester, in connection with the battles, we withdrew to a back. Our rear guards reached these positions in the course of the day."

FRANCE NEEDS \$1,667,000,000.

\$12,200,000,000. Paris - Alexander S. Ribot, the for the south carried additional guards ly-won ground. the Chamber of Deputies for appro-

printions for the last quarter of 1916 amounting to \$.347,000,000 franca (\$1,-667,000,000) or about 500,000,000 more francs than was asked for the present quarter. The total appropriations asked by the French Government since August, 1914, will amount to 61,000,-000,000 francs in round numbers, or

FOR SECOND NAVAL ACADEMY.

Senator Phelan Secures Adoption Of Inquiry Resolution.

Washington.-Senator Phelan, who favors erection of another naval academy on the Paicfic Coast, secured adoption by the Senate of a resolution calling on the Secretary of the Navy to show if there is any reason affecting the efficiency of the service why naval officers should not be educated in an academy other than Annapolis

LAUGHS HERSELF TO DEATH.

Girl's Appreciation Of Joke Brings On Heart Paroxysm

Pottsville, Pa.-An investigation by the coroner shows that Mary Bofano, a pretty girl, 16 years old, who fell dead on South Centre street Sunday, laughed herself to death when her lover, with whom she was walking, told her a joke. A heart paroxysm followed with almost instant death.

COL. CHISHOLM ELECTED.

Spanish War Veterans Meet At Cleve land Next Year.

Chicago.-Col. Daniel V. Chisholm, of Washington, D. C., was unanimously elected commander in chief of the of marriage to another person are re-United Spanish War Veterans at the annual reunion here. The next reunion will be held in Cleveland, O.

BURGLARS HAD MANNERS.

Pledge Health In Toast To Man Whose Safe They Robbed.

Philadelphia.-Poetic burglars, with a rare touch of Chesterfield as well as a streak of bon vivant, robbed John Ashbert's safe and pledged the proprietor's health in a toast left on a weat little cardboard.

IRISH ASK FOR PROHIBITION.

Petition 21/2 Miles Long Sent From Ulster To Parliament.

London.-The longest petition ever presented to Parliament arrived the other day from Ulater county, Ireland. It was two and one-half miles long and bore the signatures of 115,000 persons who asked for the prohibition of the sale of intexicating liquors for the term of the war and at least six months thereafter in Great Britain and

COLLARS, VEILS AND POCKETS



Collars, veils, pockets and longer skirts Dame Fashion's fall decree .-

PERSHING MAY RENEW VILLA HUNT

ing Distance of Force.

American Military Men For Concerted Action Against .

San Antonio, Tex.-If Francisco Villa gets within striking distance of the American expeditionary force Generai Pershing's soldiers may join troops of the de facto government in of Marrieres Wood and progressed in of Lemberg, Eastern Galicia, the Ger | an offensive campaign to exterminate the bandit and his followers. This was cording to the official communication

> There has been no agreement between Mexican and American military men for a concerted movement against Villa. Gen. Francisco Gonzales, Carranga commander in Northern Chihuahua, already has sent a force against the bandit, last reported in the Santa Clara Canyon, and if the occasion arises, the American commander might

"That is up to General Pershing," sald General Funston. Army men pointed out that General

Pershing entered Mexico to capture accomplished. Columbus, N. M .- General Pershing

left here for his headquarters in Mexico, having concluded his inspection of Will Bring War Appropriations Up To the base of the punitive expedition. El Paso, Tex.-Trains leaving Juarez

nch Minister of Finance, will ask of soldiers. Mexican military authorities would not discuss reports that town of Thiepval, in the Somme re the step had been taken because of glon, well deserves to be called a the northward march of Francisco "great battle," says the authorized Villa, said to be operating in the Santa correspondent at the front of La Clara Canyon. Twenty-four cases of typhus have

Liberte. been discovered in Juarez.

Hipolito Villa, a brother of the bandit chieftain, turned over by federal authorities to state authorities, was placed in the local county jail charged with an alleged conspiracy to destroy a railroad bridge near Hancock, Tex., last February.

OPERATES TO MAKE HIM GOOD.

Dr. Haiselden Opens Skull Of Homi cidal Criminal.

Chicago,-Dr. H. J. Haiselden per formed an operation on John Oran, a former policeman who turned criminal, which, he says, will bring him back to his normal, honest instincts. The poin case the class there exceeds its liceman had continued to develop homicidal tendencies and once was accused of murder. Dr. Haiselden opened his skull and found the bone pressing on a tumor. The pressure was re moved and the physician will remove the tumor by medical treatment. "Oran will now be a good man," said he.

NEW PENSION BILL PASSED. Raises Amount From \$12 To \$20 a

Month.

Washington. - A bill giving to widows of officers or enlisted men who served in the Civil or Mexican Wars or the War of 1812, and who have attacks were unsuccessful and the reached the age of 70 years, pensions French finally resorted to a turning of \$20 a month, instead of the present \$12, was passed by the Senate. It al- The Germans counter attacked no less ready has passed the House. Widows than six times in a desperate effort to of Civil War soldiers dropped because stored to the roll by the bill.

SUGAR CARGO BURNED.

Bomb Blamed For Fire On Ship From

steamer Sophie Cooper while she was en route from New York and destroyed the larger part of her cargo of 21,791 bags of sugar. Her captain believes were locked into a five-hour struggle the blaze was started by a bomb the upshot of which was a distinct placed by a German sympathizer in gain of ground, prisoners and guns for New York.

BUTCHERED BY BANDITS.

Passengers Are Killed.

Laredo, Tex.-Twenty-five Mexican coldiers and 11 passengers were killed 'ast Thursday when a Constitutionalist train was wrecked by bandits claiming Meriance to Carrero Torres, accord ng to advices reaching the border. The bandits butchered the train was adopted by the Senate on motion wards and carried away everything novable, these advices said. The of paper for Government documents wreck occurred between San Luis and had risen more than 100 per cent. In family at the bedside. Campico, below Cardenas the last year.

FURIOUS STRUGGLE ALONG THE SOMME

May Act if He Gets Within Strik- Allies Driving and Broadening Their Wedge.

GENERAL BACK TO BASE MILLION AND HALF MEN

No Agreement Between Mexican and Fighting Rages Over 24-Mile Front With Combles and Peronne As Allies' Objective-British Con. tinue To Advance.

Paris.-The French troops have captured the village of Ommiecourt, hospical farm, Rainnette Wood and part other regions north of the Somme, acissued by the War Office.

tured a line of German trenches and repulsed all counter attacks. The prisoners captured number 6,550 and the cannon 36. Vigorous counter-attacks were made

South of the Somme the French cap-

in an effort to regain ground taken in the new drive of the French.

by the Germans north of the Somme

German Counter-Strokes Vain. The German assaults north of the omme were delivered between Composition previously prepared further Villa and that his object had not been bles and Forest. South of the river unsuccessful blows were struck by the Germans east of Belloy. In these operations the French took 100 prison

The activities of the French are again being hindered by bad weather. The French are organizing their new-

The fighting now going on for the

The scene of the attack, continue the correspondent, may be divided into two parts, one running from Thiepva to Clery, half of which is held by the British and half by the French, the point of junction being Falfement

Combles French Objective.

The object of these forces, says the correspondent, is Comples, the key to he approach to Bapaume, now a veritable fortress held by the Germans. Two days ago the British were 1,800 yards from Combles. After the advance to the village of Forest, they are

now only 460 yards from the town. The other part of the front is south of the Somme, with Peronne for its objective and for an attack on which artillery preparation now is in prog-

Between Vermandovillers and Mari court, the writer says, the French carded the whole of the first German positions along a front of more than two and a half miles, the successive line of trenches falling into the hands of the French.

29 Villages Regained.

The capture of Soyecourt and Chiliy by the French makes a total of 29 villages taken since the start of the offensive on the Somme front.

At Barleaux, one of the strongert positions on this front, repeated direct movement, attacking to the southwest regain lost ground.

The smashing blows which General Foch has deliveerd north and south of the Somme have transformed the pointed wedge in the German lines into square block, which will hammer General von Gallwitz's defenses till Combles, Peronne and Bapaume fall Naples.-Fire broke out aboard the and the German retreat from the Noyon salient is a military necessity. With the extension of the battle to the south of the Somme 1,500,000 men the Allies.

PAPER'S RISE HITS UNCLE SAM. Twenty-Five Carranza Soldiers and Cost Doubled in Past Year, Senate is

Told. Washington.-A resolution broadening the scope of the Federal Trade Commission inquiry into the cost of news print paper to include paper used by the Government Printing Office

of Senator Fletcher, who said the cost

JOINT COMMISSION TO HEAR GEN. BLISS

Assistant Chief of Staff Will Submit Information.

INSPECTION IS COMPLETED

A Deluge Of Requests Is Received By Secretary Baker Asking For Release Of Guardsmen From Further Border Duty.

Washington. - Secretary Baker granted the request of the American-Mexican Commission to have Major General Tasker H. Bliss, askistant chief of staff, go to New London, Conn., to give the commissioners information he has gathered first hand concerning the military situation along the international boundary. General Bliss was authorized to hold

himself in readiness to respond to a summons. The General is regarded as one of the Army's most competent authorities on Mexican questions. Assistant chief of staff, he has more to do with the administration of military operations along the border than any other officer, except Major General Function, and recently he completed a personal inspection of all the border patrol militia camps.

Pressure from political and business quarters is being brought to bear upon Secretary Baker and administration officials generally to withdraw National Guard organizations from the border. Members of Congress, business houses and friends and relatives of guardsmen have deluged the department the last few days with requests for the release of the militia. The department has informed all inquirers that action will be taken as soon as practicable.

Secretary Baker already has indicated that as soon as the units now en route to the border arrive other or ganizations will be withdrawn. Guardsmen still in their state camps all probably will be given a tour of border field service before being mustered out.

RAID BY VILLA'S MEN.

Bandits Attack Ranches and Villages Near Manzanillo.

Salina Cruz, Mex.-Fifty rebels that attacked a Constitutionalist force of about the same strength at San Gernonimo, Oaxaca, September 6, still were besieging the town, according to latest reports. Train service to San Geronimo has been suspended for two days. Villa infantry, 200 to 400 strong, under General Alonzo, is reported active near Manzanillo, raiding ranches and villages. A Carranza force at Veladera was engaged by the rebels without success.

Sliver valued at \$150,000 and 200 tons of concentrate; property of the Carranza government, has arrived at Mexico City.

Few votes were cast at the election held at Manzanillo Saturday. Lack of interest was shown in an election at Mazatlan.

RECRUITS' FAMILIES BARRED.

Federal Relief For Those Of Men In Guard When Call Came. Washington.-Comptroller of the Treasury Warwick ruled that State

militia recruits who joined the colors after the President's call cannot participate in the \$2,000,000 Federal fund appropriated by Congress for the relief of guardsmen's families. He deciared this fund was for the benefit of families of those guardemen who were members of the State militia when the call was issued. The law provides that \$50 a month shall be paid to destitute

families of the soldiers. U. S. CONSULATE IS DEMOLISHED.

Building At Alexandretta Destroyed By Shells From Warships.

Berlin. - The destruction of American Consulate at Alexandretta, Asiatic Turkey, during a bombardment by Entente allied warships is announced in a delayed Turkish official

report dated September 4. "Small hostile warships shelled the open town of Alexandretta," the statement says. "The damage to Turkish property was insignificant. The United States Consulate was destroyed completely. No lives were lost.

A PRINCESS AS A PRIVATE.

Russian Lady In Soldier's Uniform On the Firing Line.

Petrograd.-Princess Volonsky, 22 years old, whose husband, father and brother were killed carly in the war, cut her hair, adopted men's clothing, enlisted as a private and fought on the southern front for several months, Her sex being discovered, she was sent to Kieff to be discharged, but she cluded her guards and returning to the fighting line. Now she has just been discovered wounded in a Khardoff hos-

PRESIDENT'S SISTER DYING.

No Hope Held Out For the Recovery Of Mrs. Howe. New London, Conn.-The condition

of Mrs. Annie E. Howe, only eister of President Woodrow Wilson, who has been seriously ill at a local hotel for a week, was pronounced critical by her physician. Virtually no hope is held for her recovery. She is suffering from peritonitis and complications. Miss Margaret Wilson, the President's daughter, is among members of the

JITNEYS MUST GET

Commission Rules Allegheny County Auto Line Must Have Certificate of Public Need.

Harrisburg-The Public Service Commission in opinions held that Bryan Blythe and W. T. Alter, operating jitneys in the vicinity of Natrona, Allegheny county, must obtain certificates of public con-

venience from the commission. The

decisions in the main follow the lines

of those handed down in the Scranton

cases decided by Judge Mongahan, of

Philadelphia, when a commissioner, The Allegheny Valley Street Railway Company was the complainant. In the case of Blythe, however, it is pointed out that he had made an application for a certificate and that when a hearing was held on a protest filed by the street railway company he did not appear. The opinion says:

"The granting of certificates of public convenience authorizing individuals to engage in the business of a common carrier of passengers is of grave moment to the public. Not only the public's convenience, but their safety is involved. It seems proper that the commission should be informed of the character and fitness of such applicants and also as to their ability to perform the service which such certificates of public convenience would impose upon

The opinion contains an order that Blythe must stop operating until he obtains a certificate. A similar order is also made in the case of Alter.

Striker Makes Compensation Claim.

The first compensation claim made by a striker against his former employer for an injury received prior to the strike, was heard by Compensation Referee E. K. Saylor. Hugh L. Mc-Loughlin, chairman of the division of trolleymen which inaugurated a strike on the Harrisburg rallway lines, claimed compensation for a fender striking him on the shin prior to the strike. The period of disability, it was stated. ended before the strike was called The injury was admitted, but the company counsel contended that it was aggravated by McLoughlin playing ball a few days after being hurt. It was alleged that a "grounder" which the trolleymen missed hit him on the injured leg.

Certified For Polluting Pa. Streams.

Eighty manufacturing plants have been certified to the Attorney General's Department by the State Department of Fisheries for polluting streams of the State, and most of them have been served with notices by the legal of ficer that they must cease the practice. In case of fallure the State will enter suits and compel action to stop pollution. Tals week it is likely that thirty more plants will be listed and sent to the Attorney General, because of neglect or refusal to stop pollution. The bulk of the offenses are said to have been found on streams in the Susquehanna, Allegheny and

Schuylkiil River systems. To Buy Shippensburg School.

The State Board of Education is property of the State Normal School at Shippensburg, valued at almost a quarter of a million dollars. The State is paying \$10,500 for the stock outstanding and assuming a debt of \$25,-000. The proceedings to acquire the normal schools at Kutztown, Berks county, and Millersville, Lancaster county, will be completed within a fortnight. The State will then have title to all but-three of the normal

schools.

Will Of Harrisburg's Founder. A special niche in the office of the Dauphin County Register of Wills has been provided for wills which may have historical value, and the first notable paper was stowed away Thursday, when the last testament of John Harris, founder of Harrisburg, and son of the first settler here, was filed. The old will was written by John himself on a heavy parchment, May 25, 1790, and was probated October 31. 1791. It was recently unearthed from

the State records and rehabilitated.

Big Revenue Receipts. The State had the biggest revenue last Thursday of any day in months. The Lehigh Valley Railroad paid \$242,-000 in State tax, and James B. Sheehan, Register of Wills of Philadelphia, sent \$75,426 as August taxes collected

in his office.

of stock transfer stamps during August amounted to \$8,211.34, according to a report made by the Auditor General. The July sales were about the

Transfer Stamps Yield \$8,211.

The State's income from the sales

Permit To Build Erie Conduit. The State Water Supply Commission granted permission to the city of Erie to construct a covered concrete condult in Mill Creek in that city. This is part of the flood prevention plan

for Erie. County Insures Employes.

Westmoreland county insured the liability of all of its county employes in the State Workmen's Insurance fund. It is the largest county to do so.

The Delaware County Agricultural Society, which had planned to hold a cattle show at Media the last of this month, has called off the affair because of the danger of spreading infantile paralysis.

On the representation that they

were employes of the telephone com-

pany, two men gained admittance to the home of Thomas Smith, Norristown, and stole several hundred dollars' worth of jewelry. George Wentler, fifty-two years old,

a contract miner, prominent in Episcopal Church work, was instantly killed at Turkey Run Colliery by a fall of rock. Simon Griffiths, working with him, narrowly escaped a similar fate, receiving slight injuries.

SERVICE PERMIT