

NEWS IN GENERAL

New York is the largest city in the world, London by reason of losses occasioned by the war and because of a gigantic mistake in estimating the population must now admit that the American metropolis is the bigger by about a quarter of a million people.

The New York Board of Health has announced that after January first, it will be permissible to sell horse meat in that city. Hereafter, old horses, instead of being sold for their bones, which are worth little or nothing, will be fattened and disposed of for meat.

Austria's reply to the note from this country regarding the sinking of the Ancona not only meets the cardinal points of the American demands, but gives assurances for the future that are considered more satisfactory in their extent than those which were given by Germany.

The liner Persia, with 160 passengers and a crew of 300 aboard was torpedoed and sunk off the island of Crete in the Mediterranean Sea on Thursday. At least two United States citizens were passengers. Their fate is not known. One was Robert N. McNeely, American consul at Aden, who was on his way to his post. The loss of life is placed at 350, only four boats getting away before the vessel sank.

The remarkable transformation of West Virginia from extraordinary alcoholic humidity to the most arid spot in the United States has been accomplished according to G. W. Crabbe, State Superintendent of the W. Va. Anti-Saloon League. The Yost law, he said, is more rigid than any other Prohibition law written on the statutes of any American Commonwealth. Mr. Crabbe declares West Virginia to be the driest state in the United States.

Count Friedrich Von Westarp, reporting on the proceedings of the chief committee of the Reichstag, announces that the food resources of Germany are sufficient to feed her population however long the war may last. Count Westarp says that the Government by taking efficient measures has succeeded in keeping prices below the level of both neutral and enemy countries, especially that of Great Britain.

Statewide prohibition of the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors is effective in seven states on Friday, putting out of business 3,000 saloons, a wholesale

distilleries. The dry column has been set up in Oregon, Washington and South Carolina. In all of the seven states, the sale of liquor for a number of years under local option laws.

West Virginia's pure seeds law went into effect on last Saturday, Jan. 1. The law requires dealers to have all packages of seeds labeled as to contents. It is also necessary to mark on each package the name and address of the seedsmen, agent, importer or dealer and a statement of purity of the seeds offered for sale, with a statement also showing the germinating power of the seeds, as well as an indication of where the seeds were grown.

CONFLUENCE

Mrs. S. T. Downs, who has been very ill for several days, is reported improved.

Revival meetings are being held in the Methodist church, Rev. L. W. LePage, pastor.

Mrs. W. J. Murphy recently received word of the very sudden death of her brother, Charles Andrews, in Washington, D. C.

William A. Frey, of Somerset, was a recent business visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hyatt, of Star Junction, have returned home after a visit here with relatives.


Thomas McCullough of Friendsville, Md., was a business visitor a few days ago.

Miss Gertrude Shaw has gone to Fairmont, W. Va., to visit her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Mattox.

Amos Reckner, of Bittering, Md., has been visiting relatives at Johnson's Chapel.

JOHN ADAMS

John Adams of Connellsville, son of Mrs. Emma Horns Adams of Somerset, died suddenly on Christmas morning at Uniontown. Chronic heart trouble was the cause of his death. The body was taken to Connellsville for interment. Requiem high mass was celebrated on Monday morning by Rev. Fr. Wm. Merz. The deceased was a son of M. J. Adams, the former B. & O. man who fell dead of heart trouble in Johnstown a few months ago. Surviving Mr. Adams are his wife, and three children, his mother and three brothers, T. A. Adams, M. A. Adams, and Roy Adams of Somerset and two sisters, Mrs. Vincent Calahan of Lemoist and Mrs. James Landis of Somerset.



UNDER GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION

MEMBER BANK UNDER FEDERAL RESERVE ACT

Jan. 1916.

Preparedness-Protection

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You can be prepared by merely opening a check account with this bank and pay your bills during 1916 by check.

We do the work, you get the benefit.

Citizens National Bank

"The Bank with the Clock"

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STEEL HOUSES FOR SOLDIERS.

The allied governments are contemplating the purchase and manufacture of an immense number of portable steel houses for their troops at the front. The original plan for frame structures was abandoned when it developed that the cost would be excessive. A uniform steel construction can be turned out in great numbers at a minimum cost.

The houses will be made on the take down principle to move from place to place and set up quickly. The dimensions will be 12x24 feet, divided into two rooms, each of which is thus 12 feet square. The height is nine feet. Each house will contain about a ton of steel. Since the French government alone contemplates the purchase of 100,000 such structures the immense amount of steel required is evident.

The houses will be used not only as shelter for the troops but also as a region where the troops can be kept from the enemy's view.

WAR TAX CONTINUED.

The Emergency Revenue Act of October 22, 1914 has been extended by Congress until December 31, 1916. Collector Llewellyn has notified his deputies. All taxes provided for in said act will remain in force until that date, unless otherwise ordered by Congress. Some of the taxes provided for in said act are as follows:

Stamp tax on wines, champagne, liquors, cordials and similar commodities.

Stamp tax on instruments of writing such as original issues of certificates of stock and the transfer thereof, bonds, notes, bills of lading, certificates, deeds, insurance policies, powers of attorney, proxies, telegraph and telephone messages etc. provided for in Schedule "A" of the act for which documentary stamps are now required.

Stamp tax on perfumery, cosmetics and similar articles, chewing gum etc. provided for in Schedule "B" of the act for which proprietary stamps are now required. In short, all taxes provided for in said Emergency Revenue Act will remain in force until December 31, 1916.

Agents of the Allies recently have been in Somerset County, tempting the owners of the Twentieth Century Manufacturing Company at Boynton, near this place, to equip their plant for the manufacture of shrapnel, in addition to the road machines and traction engines which it is thought the company has the assured orders of the proper authorities in Russia. M. Knecht & Sons, owners of foundry and machine works at Salisbury have been asked to do the same thing. The owners of the two concerns, do not like the idea of manufacturing materials to destroy human life and therefore may not accept the offer.

State Highway Commissioner Cunningham again gives notice that automobiles must bear the 1916 license tags after January 1, or the owners are liable to arrest. The Department has given ample notice, and all persons who violate the law cannot justly complain of the consequences.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oatmen, of Paint Borough, awoke a few mornings ago to find their six-months-old infant dead. The child had been apparently in best of health and death was probably due to suffocation.

THIS PARROT SAID TOO MUCH

Proved to Have Vocabulary Worthy of Human Actor When He Is Amused.

A woman with a parrot went into the Punch and Judy theater and upset the lenthils, as the management expressed it. Polite phrasing of things was in order after this parrot had spoken its bit and went away ruffled.

Advertisements for a parrot to take part in the production of "Treasure Island" were inserted in the newspapers. Charles Hopkins, director of the theater, having decided it was high time a bird be put into rehearsal. All the parrot had to say is "Pieces of eight" in the role of Captain Flint, Long John Silver's pet in Robert Louis Stevenson's tale of adventure.

The radiator in the Punch and Judy office was spitting a trickle. When a woman who brought the parrot to the cage, covered with a cloth, began playing on the sputter, the parrot came around its cage.

First the parrot, screaming, condemned the radiator to torment even more heated than its own. Then in a harsh volley of consonants it went into the graceless survey of the mode of life of its enemy, and at last turned into a long mumbled jumble of epithets that would easily be recognized as insulting in the scullery of a longshoreman's home.

The owner was informed that the management had already another parrot in mind.—New York Herald.

Life of an Electric Plant.

The electric plant in the Hoffman house now being torn down cost \$16,200 seven years ago. It was sold a few weeks ago for \$1,950. And this was an exceptionally good price, as the plant had been so well cared for that it was in unusually good condition. The value of the plant as scrap was \$1,350. Which leads the Edison Monthly to some remarks about allowances made by builders for depreciation. They usually, it seems, calculate on five per cent depreciation per annum, but this plant, which was far better cared for than most machinery, shows an annual depreciation of approximately 12 1/2 per cent. According to Albert A. Volk, head of the wrecking company that demolished the Hoffman house, an electric plant depreciates to scrap value in ten years, instead of the 20 generally allowed, and even then the scrap value is usually less than eight per cent of the original cost.

Reasons for the Dentist's Bill.

The dentist who told the common sergeant at the Old Bailey that at one time his profession brought him in £10,000 a year would find it difficult to make that amount nowadays, remarks the London Chronicle. The cost of materials has gone up and dentists have been unable to increase their charges proportionately. Where a few years ago platinum could be bought at 28 shillings an ounce, it now costs not less than £9 10s an ounce. A dentist's chair with modern improvements now costs at least £25 and there has also been a rise in the price of drills, reflectors and sterilizers, which all have to be bought before the dentist can start saying: "A little wider, please. I am not going to hurt you."

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Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

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NEW STAMP TO BE ISSUED.

The postoffice department has notified postmasters that it is about to issue stamped envelopes bearing an embossed two-cent postage stamp of new design.

The new stamp is printed in red ink and is in the form of a circle. In the center is embossed the head of Washington in profile.

What might have been a serious wreck was averted Friday morning on the Western Maryland railroad when the Baltimore and Chicago Express left the rails at Lapp, about 9 miles west of Cumberland. The locomotive and four cars were derailed but no one was injured. It was discovered that a spring hanger on the engine had broken.

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