

NEWS IN GENERAL

It is reported Russia has made overtures to Germany with a view of concluding separate peace negotiations.

Kanawha, W. Va., coal operators are figuring on an order for 1,000,000 tons of fuel for the Italian Government.

Floods in California and the Middle West have caused the loss of scores of lives and millions of dollars in money. Whole towns were inundated in California.

Premier Asquith in a written reply to a request for information says that the total British casualties in all fields of operation up to January 9 were 549,467, of which 24,122 were officers and 525,343 of other ranks.

George Carpenter was found wandering in the streets of Charleston, W. Va., with a well-developed case of small pox. He said the members of his family had kicked him out doors when they discovered he had the disease. Police and health officers are investigating.

The Ford permanent peace tribunal, minus several members, held its first formal session at Stockholm, Sweden, last week. It was announced that the commission will first study the causes of the war to enable it to approach with better understanding proposals for peace.

Theodore Roosevelt spoke upon "Promise and Performance in International Duty" at the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, Sunday afternoon to an audience of 3,000 people. "A policy of milk and water on our part encourages other nations in a policy of blood and iron," declared the Colonel. "We have been of no use to the Belgians and Armenians, the Mexicans or anybody else. The government's policy has been 'Safety First.' It is the motto of the men who jump into the lifeboat ahead of the women and children."

The warm weather of the last week was by no means welcomed by fruit growers, and many of the people who have fortunes at stake in orchards in Maryland and W. Va. have for several days been making use of their magnifying glasses to ascertain whether there are evidences of buds. The buds on some of the fruit trees are already swollen, and it is feared they will develop unless there is a decided change in the weather. Apple trees, it is stated, have shown no sign as yet of budding, but the growers of that fruit are hoping that the cold weather, which is certain to return, will not be long delayed.

KEEP YOUR ORCHARD CLEAN

Several of our most serious diseases, according to a plant pathologist at the Pennsylvania State College, are carried over year to year on the mummies. Black rot, bitter, brown rot and other diseases of the apple live over winter on the old diseased fruit. Brown rot of stone fruits is one of the most common diseases to live over on the mummies.

When the latter hangs on the trees the fungus remains alive, ready to infect the young fruit next season. When they fall to the ground they develop the perfect stage of the fungus which frequently cause considerable loss by the blighting of blossoms in the spring. It is of considerable importance, in controlling diseases to collect all of the mummies before they are covered up with the soil. Such precaution is about as valuable in the control of the brown rot as any one other practice in orchard management.

The mummies never should even be left on the surface of the ground after they are collected, but should be either burned or buried at least six inches deep.

Cankers and dead wood in the orchard may harbor diseases, hence their removal also is of great importance. They may be removed at any time, preferably before growth starts in the spring.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

William A. Chilcott to Emily Traff in Somerset township \$525; William A. Weaver to Andrew Hudak, Paint Township, \$675; Daniel G. Stahl to Harvey Pitts Somerset township, \$12,000; Peter A. Kregor to Trustees of Kirkwood Lodge I. O. O. F. No. 1010, Upper Turkeyfoot township, \$387; Lutheran Church to W. W. Miller, Greenville Township \$250; Keystone Coal Company to Frank B. Black, Elk Lick Township \$1; Wm. A. Garman's Trustees to D. C. White, Berlin, \$3,025; Solomon Martz to Harvey Petenbrink, Northampton and Southampton Townships, \$225; Central City Realty Co. to Joseph Donora, Shade Township, \$450; James A. Wright to H. Dalton Cook, Northampton Township, \$775; John Gibson Jr., to Penn smokeless Coal Co., Conemaugh Township, \$450; Central City Realty Co. to George Bolks, Windber \$200; Adam Zerfoss to Patterson Zerfoss, Stonycreek Township, \$10; Patterson Zerfoss to Harry G. Zerfoss,

NEW BULLETIN ON LIME-SULFUR SOLUTION

The last issue of the Bi-Monthly Bulletin of the Division of Zoology of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture contains a special and complete discussion of the subject of lime-sulfur solution brought down to date by Zoologist H. A. Surface.

In this Bulletin is discussed the history of the lime-sulfur solution, and methods of making and testing the same. There is a plain discussion of the subject of the kind of lime and kind of sulfur to use, method of boiling, how to keep or store the solution, how to strain it, dilute and apply it. The self-boiled lime-sulfur solution, according to Scott's formula, made for summer spray, is also discussed in detail, as is the commercial lime-sulfur solution. A new feature not before treated in Bulletins or publications is a series of directions for the use of the sediment. It has been found that the sediment for making lime-sulfur is very valuable for many purposes, one of the most important of which is to wash the trunks of the trees and keep them from being attacked by insects and rodents.

This Bulletin closes with a detailed discussion of the uses of lime-sulfur solution, which includes its dilution and application as a summer spray and also as a dormant or winter spray. It is also recommended as a fungicide, a germicide, a wash for tree borers, a paint for sterilizing freshly cut stubs, a wash for sterilizing pruning implements for spraying poultry houses and stables, to kill disease germs and lice and other purposes.

As this Bulletin is issued by one of the bureaus of the Department of Agriculture and is available for the asking, it should be in the hands of every person interested in any subject mentioned above. The first part of the Bulletin is devoted to a discussion of the principles of pest warfare, giving all the various formulae in detail that are needed in pest suppression.

BRIGHT BACHELOR GIVES LEAP YEAR RULES

M. J. Kebby, of Chicago, who is a bachelor given to the study of phenology, gives the following rules to girls who wish to make good use of leap year:

- 1—Don't propose to a man who has thin lips. He will scorn you.
- 2—Don't propose to a man who has just a thin upper lip. He'll scorn you.
- 3—Don't propose to a man whose head runs straight up from the back of his neck. He loves neither home nor wife.
- 4—Don't propose to a man with a super critical eye. He'll make you sorry.
- 5—Don't propose to a man who has a restrained, quiet, indifferent manner or a purely selfish disposition.
- 6—Propose to a man who has full, but not too full lips. He will love you.
- 7—Propose to a man who has a good sized bump at the base of his head. He's a good family man and loves wife and home.
- 8—If you love a man who has a twin-kle in his eye, propose to him. You'll get him.
- 9—If you love a man who has a frank, open manner, you'll probably get him, too.
- 10—If you want a moneymaker, get one whose forehead is broad and square and long. He will bring home the cash every time.

LARGEST MORTGAGE IN COUNTY'S HISTORY.

The largest mortgage ever recorded in Somerset county was entered of record in the office of Recorder John E. Custer recently by Attorney John G. Ogle, of Somerset, solicitor for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co. in Somerset county. The mortgage is for \$600,000,000 and covers the entire Baltimore and Ohio system. It is dated Dec. 1, 1915, and means the refunding of the entire indebtedness of the Baltimore & Ohio. The mortgage is the Central Trust company, of New York.

Part of the money realized from the bonds secured by the mortgage will be used in new construction work and other improvements, it is said.—Somerset Democrat.

WILLS PROBATED.

The will of Noah Lint, late of Greenville township was probated last week at Somerset. He left a large interest in his estate to his wife, Sarah Lint at whose death the same is to be equally divided among his children as follows: Josiah N. Lint, of Meyersdale; Susanna, wife of Jno. McPhail, of Hartford, Mich.; Francis Lint of Sand Patch; Kate, wife of Frank C. Graham of Freestburg; Jno. Calvin Lint of Meyersdale and Anna Lint and Clara Lint of Sand Patch. The executors named are J. N. Lint, Francis Lint and J. C. Lint. The will was dated December 4, 1915 and was witnessed by Clara Lint and Ellen Lint.

Our job work will certainly please

CZAR OF RUSSIA IS AN ACTIVE RULER

Rises Early and Puts In Twelve Hours of Work.

MEALTIME IS MADE MERRY.

All Governmental Affairs Are Tabooed When Royal Family Is Eating, and Time Is Passed In a Jovial Manner. Always Prays Before Retiring After Strenuous Day.

Petrograd.—The czar of Russia, to whom few Americans had had the opportunity of speaking save diplomats, is one of the busiest rulers in Europe.

He rises at 7 o'clock after about seven hours of sleep and then puts in ten or twelve hours of work, and no fewer than four hours of these are spent alone. About six hours are given to meals and relaxation with the family. No governmental affairs are allowed to be discussed during mealtime, and the czar, zarina and the children indulge in merry talk.

Before the czar has finished his modest breakfast and begun his daily work. He reads the newspapers, tele-



CZAR NICHOLAS.

grams and other information presented to him and makes a note of all interesting matter. The time from 10 to 11 o'clock is assigned to walking, but nearly always from 10 to half past 10 o'clock he receives the reports of the officials of his household or gives special audiences to dignitaries or men who interest him, and only during the time until 11 o'clock does he walk alone or with his son, accompanied by two Scotch hounds. At 11 o'clock he returns to the palace and tests the food of his infantry regiment or of his body-guard. A sample of the soldiers' food in a locked steppan is brought to him by the chief noncommissioned officer of the regiment. After the test of the food the reports of the ministers begin, lasting until luncheon.

The luncheon is informal. There he meets his family for the first time in the day. Sometimes the officers of the suit on duty that day are invited. After luncheon the emperor receives officials and deputies, and from 4 to 5 o'clock he walks, drives, rides on a bicycle or canoes and goes boating with his son or with his daughters and the empress. From 6 to 8 o'clock he works again in his study. From 8 to half past 9 he dines with his family, and from that time to 12 or half past he works again. He never rests during the day, yet keeps cheerful and unweary. Sometimes, when he finishes his tasks earlier than usual, he reads the press at her evening tea. Before going to bed he prays.

On the eve of holy days he goes to the evening church service. At half past 7 o'clock, and on holy days he goes to mass at 11 o'clock. On the rest of the days he works as on week days.

Possessing an excellent memory and writes in a clear, logical, and concise manner without erasing or crossing out, and pressed straight. His thoughts are like long paragraphs and foreign words. The czar receives thousands of petitions during the course of a year. His replies to deputations are always short, simple and hearty. "I never prepare my speeches in advance," said he, "but after a prayer to God I speak as it comes."

At the greater part of receptions the visitors stand, but venerable persons are invited to his study to sit down. After audiences in Tsarkoe Selo and Peterhof the visitors are treated to luncheon. The ministers have special days for their reports, the duration of each being fixed in advance. The audiences of private persons with the emperor ordinarily last from three to four minutes.

The private charity of the emperor is extensive. He gives not only by hundreds, but by thousands of rubles.

The difficult work of the government the czar does alone—he has no private secretaries. He has some help from the officials of his household and the officers of his suit.

BREAKING RECORDS IN SALMON EGG TAKING

Hope This Year's Fish Run In Puget Sound Will Increase.

Olympia, Wash.—All the salmon egg taking records of this state were smashed this year as the result of the enormous number of eggs obtained from the Columbia river and the Grays harbor districts, according to State Fish Commissioner L. H. Durwin.

Unprecedented November storms and high water were handicaps, but on the Columbia river the state procured more than 45,000,000 salmon eggs. On Grays harbor, where the Chehalis hatcheries have been procured this year 44,000,000 eggs, and all are now in the hatcheries on Puget sound. The salmon taking eggs, and it is expected the records will be broken by the state, are close to 50,000,000 eggs in the district.

It is expected that the hatcheries this winter will have 50,000,000 salmon eggs to care for, and the number of eggs will be the largest ever turned out in the state.

The entire product of the hatcheries sound next year will be released in Puget sound. By so doing it is hoped to increase the run of salmon in spite of the heavy increase of salmon taken in recent years.

DO TAP GILA'S UNDERFLOW.

Dry River Bed Will Be Made to Yield Water For Irrigation.

Palomas, Ariz.—S. H. Woodruff of Los Angeles and associates plan to utilize the underflow of the Gila river, near here, for the reclamation by irrigation of a big tract of land.

A number of caissons will be sunk in the dry bed of the river to the water level, and large pumps will be installed to lift the water to the surface and deliver it into the irrigation ditches. The pumps will be operated by electricity.

Formal application for the withdrawal from public entry of 14,000 acres that are embraced in the proposed irrigation scheme has been filed by the United States land office here by the state land commission, as required by the Carey act.

DEAD LETTER LIST.

R. R. Covert, Mrs. Sarah Coleman, C. H. Elbridge. Cards R. R. Covert.

College Romance Revived.

Marysville, O.—A romance dating back to college days at Ohio Wesleyan university culminated recently when Miss Alice M. Goode, aged forty-three, of Cincinnati, was married to James W. Magruder, forty-five years old, of Mechanicsburg. They will take up their residence at Mechanicsburg.

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HOODOO SHIP MAKES MONEY

The Old Alcoa Has More Than Paid Her Purchase Price.

San Francisco.—The old Alcoa, a former Pacific Mail, has blossomed as a real war baby.

This steamer, which in times of peace used to be tied up in the lower bay with cold boilers for long periods, has earned \$300,000 for the Pacific Mail, and she was paid for California. Alcoa has earned \$90,000 more.

Further, she has earned \$100,000 more. The California—nee Alcoa—has now been chartered to a power company at \$1,700 a day, or \$15,000 a month, or \$612,000 a year, or more than twice as much as her own cost was paid for her.

It is stipulated in this last charter that she shall ply only between neutral ports, which is taken to mean that she will become a nitrate carrier between South America and the Du Pont powder mills in the United States.

KISS FOR A JUDGE.

Carpenter's Daughter Gave Him a Good Smack in Open Court.

Pittsburgh.—Congratulations showered on Judge James McF. Carpenter when he took his place on the bench of the common pleas court recently did not make nearly so great an impression on the throng of well wishers as a resounding kiss implanted fairly and squarely on the jurist's lips.

Judge Carpenter, who was elected last November for a full term of ten years, had been sworn in and had stepped down to shake hands with the politicians in the courtroom. As he left the bench his daughter, Miss Alice Carpenter, stepped up, threw her arms around his neck and kissed him. "Oh, I'm so proud!" Miss Carpenter exclaimed as the judge disentangled himself.

"Well, umph! And so am I," her father replied, as he reached for a dozen hands stretched in his direction.

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